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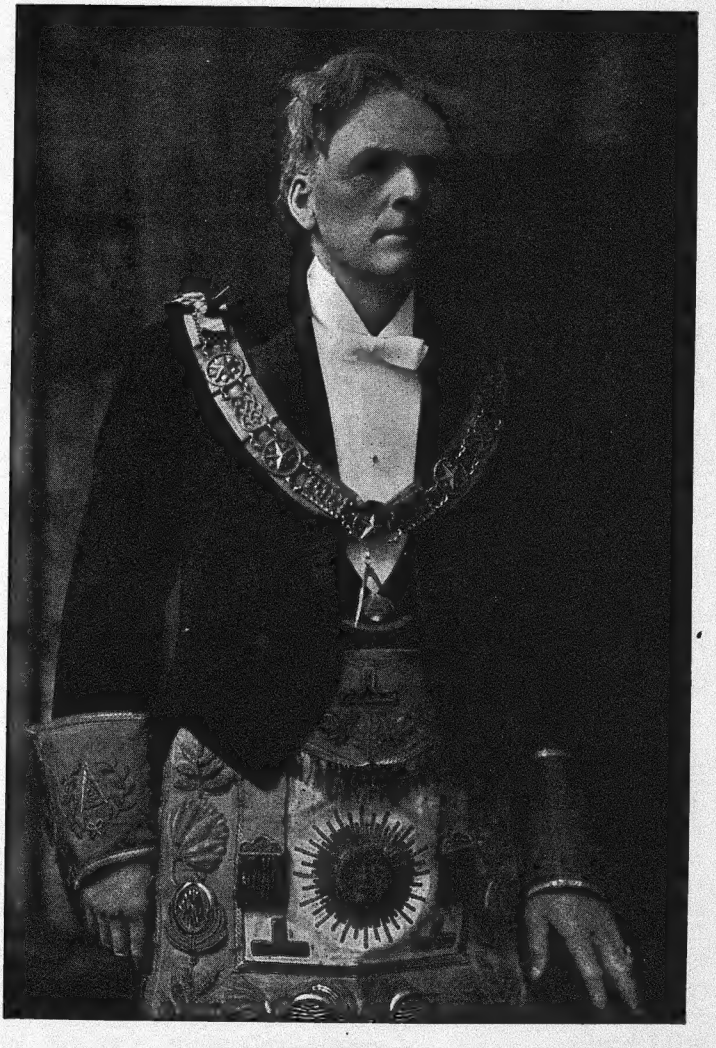

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Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple in the City of Banff, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 27th, A.D., 1914, A.L. 5914, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m.

PRESENT

Grand Officers

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Calgary ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Lethbridge ---Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary ------Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton --Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey (1), Calgary ----------D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, (2), Medicine Hat -----D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon (11), Edmonton, South ---D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (57), Camrose ----------D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid (40), Granum ----------D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer ----------D.D.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary -------Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), Calgary ---------Grand Registrar
V.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Calgary--------Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. W. Scott (65), Diamond City ---------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55), Bassano ---------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24), Vermilion ----------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. G. Collins (1), Calgary ---------Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. R. C. Bruce (54), Calgary ----------Grand Tyler

Past Grand Officers

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Edmonton --Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), Lethbridge ------Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary ----Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary ---Past Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), Calgary -------Past Senior Grand Warden

Representatives of the Following Grand Lodges

Alabama	W. Bro. R. B. Ferguson	Edmonton
Arizona	W. Bro. J. A. Simpson	Innisfail
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Cowley
Canada	R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
Connecticut	R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson	Okotoks
England	M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite	Edmonton
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge	Camrose
Idaho	M.W. Bro. T. McNabb	Turin
Kansas	M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair	Calgary
Maine	R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner	Macleod
Minnesota	R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson	Edmonton
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald	Calgary
Oklahoma	R.W. Bro. John Duff	Olds
Queensland	R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon	Edmonton, South
South Carolina	M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson	Lethbridge
Utah	R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop	Edmonton
Virginia	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	Calgary
Washington	R.W. Bro. T. F. English	Calgary
Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	Calgary

Past Masters

V.W. Bro. Wash. G. Collins	No.	1
R.W. Bro. John M. Empey	"	1
V.W. Bro. D. Hope	"	1
M.W. Bro. G. Macdonald	"	1
W. Bro. W. E. Mercer	"	1
R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	"	1
V.W. Bro. H. W. Ireland	"	2
R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray	"	2
R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner	"	3
V.W. Bro. J. S. Lambert	"	3
R.W. Bro. D. L. Murison	"	3
W. Bro. Wm Black	"	3
M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb	"	4
W. Bro. E. Oxland	"	4

V.W. Bro. Jas. Brewster ---------- " 5
W. Bro. S. J. Unwin ---------- " 5
R.W. Bro. J. Kemmis ---------- " 6
R.W. Bro. A. R. Dempster ---------- " 6
W. Bro. J. E. Wright ---------- " 6
V.W. Bro. Geo. Heaton ---------- " 6
M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite ---------- " 7
W. Bro. H. Darling ---------- " 7
W. Bro. R. B. Ferguson ---------- " 7
R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson ---------- " 7
W. Bro. Wm. Black ---------- " 6
W. Bro. J A. Simpson ---------- " 8
M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair ---------- " 9
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher ---------- " 9
R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon ---------- " 11
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson ---------- " 12
R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop ---------- " 14
V.W. Bro. H. P. Reid ---------- " 14
W. Bro. G. McManus ---------- " 15
W. Bro. R. D. Robertson ---------- " 15
R.W. Bro. John Duff ---------- " 16
M.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson ---------- " 18
R.W. Bro. A. Reid ---------- " 18
R.W Bro. Wm. Dickson ---------- " 20
R.W. Bro S. R. Hodson ---------- " 22
R.W. Bro T. F. English ---------- " 23
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe ---------- " 23
R.W. Bro W. J. Seed ---------- " 24
V.W. Bro. H. S. Monkman ---------- " 25
R.W. Bro. T. M Burnett ---------- " 26
W. Bro. D. C. Mackenzie ---------- " 26
V.W. Bro. Geo Hill ---------- " 28
R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood ---------- " 28
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor ---------- " 28
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill ---------- " 29
V.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette ---------- " 30
V.W. Bro. G. W. Leech ---------- " 31
R.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins ---------- " 33
W. Bro. C. P. Ruddy ---------- " 34
R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry ---------- " 34
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart ---------- " 35
R.W. Bro. A. R. Yates ---------- " 36
R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge ---------- " 37
W. Bro. J. Jones ---------- " 39
V.W. Bro. G. Whelen ---------- " 39
W. Bro. A. Williamson ---------- " 39
W. Bro. D. M. Leyden ---------- " 40
R.W. Bro. D. J. McDiarmid ---------- " 40

W. Bro. A. W. Park ---------- " 41
R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell ---------- " 45
W. Bro. M. A. Murphy ---------- " 47
V.W. Bro. R. S. Peecock ---------- " 48
R.W. Bro. Thos. Crawford ---------- " 53
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey ---------- " 53
R.W. Bro. R. C. Bruce ---------- " 54
R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers ---------- " 55
W. Bro. R. J. Dinning ---------- " 56
R.W. Bro. John Wilson ---------- " 61
V.W. Bro. Wm. Scott ---------- " 65
W. Bro. A. Williamson ---------- " 67

AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS

W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs ----------W.M. No. 1
Bro. G. A. Jones ----------S.W. " 1
Bro. Thos. Rankine ----------J.W. " 1
W. Bro. Jesse Elliott ----------W.M. " 2
Bro. J. R. Fisher ----------S.W. " 2
Bro. W. H Williams ----------J.W. " 2
W. Bro. W. J. Armstrong ----------W.M. " 4
W. Bro. W. Warren ----------W.M. " 5
Bro. T. A. Dunsmore ----------J.W. " 5
W. Bro. J. J. Gillespie ----------W.M " 6
W. Bro C. E. McManus ----------W.M. " 7
Bro J. Mackenzie ----------S W. " 7
Bro. A. West ----------J.W. " 7
W. Bro. D. O. McHugh ----------W.M. " 9
W. Bro. W. N. Morrison ----------W.M " 10
W. Bro. M. S. Caine ----------W.M. " 11
W. Bro. G. Easterby ----------W.M. " 13
Bro. R. V. Bellamy ----------S.W. " 14
Bro. F. E. Reagh ----------S.W. " 17
W. Bro. J. F. Casteel ----------W.M. " 19
W. Bro. W B. Price ----------W.M. " 20
W. Bro. A. R. Ardiel ----------W.M. " 22
W. Bro. A. V. Bilton ----------W.M. " 23
Bro. E. G. Ironside ----------J.W. " 23
W. Bro. E. E. Cruickshank ----------W.M. " 26
W. Bro. H. H. Munro ----------W.M. " 27
W. Bro. S. Houlton ----------W.M. " 28
W. Bro. M Cressman ----------W.M. " 33
Bro. J. H. Brand ----------S.W. " 33
Bro. F. S. Ditto ----------J.W. " 33
W. Bro. S. G. Tobin ----------W.M. " 34
W. Bro. E. A. Bell ----------W.M. " 35
Bro. S. Cruikshank ----------S.W. " 35

Bro. S. T. Fawcett	J.W.	"	35
W. Bro. A. N. McLeay	W.M.	"	36
Bro. D. L. Brereton	S.W.	"	36
Bro. W. F Ferguson	J.W.	"	36
W. Bro. D. Sutherland	W.M.	"	37
Bro. J. A. Atkinson	S.W.	"	41
W. Bro. F. E. Nichol	W.M.	"	43
W. Bro. H. D. McMillan	W.M.	"	47
Bro. A. C. C. Johnston	S.W.	"	47
W. Bro. H. E. Marston	W.M.	"	48
Bro. Geo. McLeod	S.W.	"	48
W. Bro. A. E. Quayle	W.M.	"	49
Bro. W. G. Hamilton	J.W.	"	49
W. Bro. H. B. Wood	W.M.	"	50
Bro. J. B. Oliver	J.W.	"	51
Bro. W. Leadbetter	J.W.	"	52
Bro. G. F. Butler	J.W.	"	53
W. Bro. Wm. Flett	W.M.	"	59
W. Bro. T. H. Wilson	W.M.	"	63
W. Bro. Geo. Bruce	W.M.	"	64
Bro. B. D. Smith	J.W.	"	63
W. Bro. A. Haines	W.M.	"	68
Bro. Wm. Jellis	S.W.	"	68
W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher	W.M.	"	70
W. Bro. C. A. Dallas	W.M.	"	71
W. Bro. C. E. Anderson	W.M.	"	73
Bro. W. J. Haynes	S.W.	"	75
W. Bro. A. J. Whitby	W.M.	U.D.	
Bro. W. R. Shanks	S.W.		
Bro. J. A. Marshall	J.W.		
W. Bro. W. B. Blackly	W.M.		
Bro. J. H. Miller	S.W.		
W. Bro. R. Wynn	W.M.		
Bro. M. S. MacLeod	S.W.		
W. Bro. W. C. Reed	W.M.		
W. Bro. S. R. Pryor	W.M.		
W. Bro. C. G. Davidson	W.M.		
Bro. J. B. Hawkins	S.W.		
W. Bro. J. H. Argue	W.M.		
Bro. V. A. Bowes	J.W.		
W. Bro. Jas. Murray	W.M.		

OPENING

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened IN AMPLE FORM, and with prayer.

The M.W. Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1): "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the Eighth Annual Communication, held at the City of Banff, on May 27th and 28th, 1913, and as appears in the printed proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of
The Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

I wish to extend to each and everyone present a hearty welcome to this, the Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and to ask you all to join with me in an effort to make it one of pleasure and profit.

It is my duty at this time to render to you an account of my stewardship. In rising to do so, I feel that the year that is closing has been the shortest in my experience, containing only days enough to accomplish a small portion of the work I had planned.

When I took upon myself the solemn obligation, which for a brief period gave into my keeping the executive powers of this Grand Lodge, I was very proud to think that you had deemed me worthy of so important a trust, at the same time I realized only partially the great responsibilities I had voluntarily assumed.

During the past year it has pleased the great Architect of the Universe to bless our country with a bountiful harvest, the general conditions throughout our province have been favorable, I believe we have felt the business depression, which has existed throughout the world during part of the year, less than many other Grand Jurisdictions. For the manifold blessings that we have thus been vouchsafed to us, our hearts should go out in reverend thanks to Him who doeth all things well.

FRATERNAL DEAD

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of our active officers. On the 10th of this month, without any warning, the Great Architect of the Universe saw fit to call from our midst our aged

and well beloved Grand Tyler Brother R. H. Finch, who has filled that office faithfully and well ever since this Grand Lodge was instituted.

Every Brother who has visited any of the older Lodges in Calgary during the past number of years will remember Bro. Finch as Tyler, which office he has held for the past seventeen years. Few men in any walk in life, leave so many warm friends to mourn their loss as did Brother Finch.

Brethren, we have draped the Altar sadly,
For the loved one who has gone;
Let us bow in supplication,
As we say, "Thy will be done."

It would be usless for me to attempt to express the regret I feel at having to call your attention to the great loss sustained by this Grand Lodge through the death of Most Worshipful Brother J. J. Dunlop, Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction during 1911, whose death occurred on June 12th, 1913. Owing to my absence from home I did not receive news of his death in time to be present at the last sad rites paid to his memory by the members of the craft. I had a memorial issued with instructions to have same read in all subordinate Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is also my painful duty to recall the death of R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod my immediate predecessor as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, during 1909, who died August 29th, 1913.

It can be truly said of these three deceased brethren, "they were men loved by all noble minded men, respected by thir superiors and revered by their subordinates, men to whom Faith, Hope and Charity were not mere words without any meaning." It has pleased God to call them hence, we can but bow in humble submission to His Divine Will.

The committee on fraternal dead will submit their report of thirty-six deaths which have occurred in this Grand Jurisdiction and a number of distinguished brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions, to the bereft families and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathies. They have gone and their brethren mourn.

We know there are no errors
In this great immortal plan,
And that all things work together,
For the final good of man.
And we know, as our souls speed onwards
In its grand eternal quest,
We shall say, as we look back earthward
Whatever is, is best.

CONSTITUTING

Among my first official acts were the Constituting of Lodges to whom Charters had been granted at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, which I did as follows:—

No. 67	Charity	Lethbridge	June 20th,	1913
" 68	Edson	Edson	July 3rd,	"
" 69	Connaught	Viking	June 28th,	"
" 70	Quarry	Redcliffe	June 23rd,	"
" 71	Tawatanaw	Athabasca	June 1st,	"
" 72	Coronation	Coronation	July 29th	"
" 73	Brooks	Brooks	June 24th,	"
" 74	Vulcan	Vulcan	June 17th,	"
" 75	Harmony	Sedgewick	June 27th,	"

In this I was assisted by the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Districts, and, in the case of the Charity Lodge of Lethbridge, I was accompanied by M.W. Bros. McNabb and Patterson, whose presence was very much appreciated.

VISITS

The only visit I had the pleasure of making, outside this Grand Jurisdiction, was by invitation of Maple Leaf Lodge, Maple Creek, in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, it being the occasion of the official visit of their District Deputy Grand Master and was indeed a very great pleasure to me. The Medicine Hat Lodges having been invited I accompanied them on a special train carrying ninety-three members; on our arrival at Maple Creek we found dinner had been prepared for us, after which we assembled in the Lodge room. I was introduced by Most Worshipful Brother Taite, Past Grand Master and R.W. Bro. McCauley, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and was received with Grand Honors, every mark of respect that could be shown to a visiting Grand Master was extended to me.

The recommendation made elsewhere with reference to sending representation to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and British Columbia was prompted by the courteous treatment extended to me on this occasion.

I have visited Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as follows:—

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary	October 27th,	1913
" 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat	March 20th,	1914
" 3	Alberta	Macleod	March 11th,	"

No.	4	North Star	Lethbridge	March 9th, 1914
"	5	Cascade	Banff	April 9th, "
"	6	Spitzie	Pincher	March 12th, "
"	7	Edmonton	Edmonton	Dec. 18th, 1913
"	8	Innisfail	Innisfail	Feb. 2nd, 1914
"	9	Perfection	Calgary	Nov. 7th, 1913
"	10	Eureka	Lacombe	Feb. 4th, 1914
"	11	Acacia	Edmonton, South	Dec. 11th, 1913
"	12	Red Deer	Red Deer	Feb. 20th, 1914
"	13	Victoria	Ft. Saskatchewan	Dec. 9th, 1913
"	14	Jasper	Edmonton	Dec. 8th, "
"	15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin	Feb. 19th, 1914
"	16	Mountain View	Olds	Feb. 6th, "
"	17	Nanton	Nanton	Nov. 21st, 1913
"	18	Britannia	Ponoka	Feb. 5th, 1914
"	19	Cornerstone	High River	Nov. 20th, 1913
"	20	Carstairs	Carstairs	Jan. 8th, 1914
"	21	King Hiram	Didsbury	May 12th, "
"	22	Corinthian	Okotoks	Nov. 7th, 1913
"	23	Calgary	Calgary	April 3rd, 1914
"	24	Vermillion	Vermillion	Dec. 13th, 1913
"	25	St. John	Vegreville	Dec. 15th, "
"	26	Sentinel	Hillcrest	Nov. 12th, "
"	27	Apollo	Stettler	March 2nd, 1914
"	28	Ashlar	Calgary	April 16th, "
"	29	Kenilworth	Red Deer	Feb. 3rd "
"	30	Summit	Coleman	Nov. 11th, 1913
"	31	Doric	Taber	March 10th, 1914
"	32	Caro	Claresholm	Nov. 18th, 1913
"	33	Stavely	Stavely	Nov. 19th, "
"	34	Star of the West	Leduc	Dec. 19th, "
"	35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat	March 17th, 1914
"	36	Gleichen	Gleichen	March 25th, "
"	37	Camrose	Camrose	Feb. 12th, "
"	38	Hope	Manville	Dec. 12th, 1913
"	39	Lethbridge	Lethbridge	April 1st, 1914
"	40	Joppa	Granum	Nov.13th, 1913
"	41	King Soloman	Cochrane	Jan. 9th, 1914
"	42	Bowden	Bowden	Jan. 7th, "
"	43	Tuscan	Killam	Feb. 9th, 1914
"	44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright	Dec. 22nd, 1913
"	45	Ionic	Alix	March 3rd, 1914
"	46	Palestine	Tofield	Dec. 23rd, 1913
"	47	Chinook	Cowley	Nov. 10th, "
"	48	Crossfield	Crossfield	Jan. 6th, 1913
"	49	Robert Burns	Carmangay	March 30th, 1914
"	50	Comet	Hardisty	Feb. 10th, "

No. 51	Unity	Edmonton	Dec. 16th, 1913
" 52	Langdon	Langdon	Feb. 23rd, 1914
" 53	Strathmore	Strathmore	Feb 26th, "
" 54	Mt. Lebanon	Calgary	April 14th, "
" 55	Bassano	Bassano	March 24th, "
" 56	Beaver	Castor	March 4th, "
" 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake	March 19th, "
" 58	Chief Mountain	Cardston	June 21st, 1913
" 59	King George	Calgary	Nov. 14th, "
" 60	Acme	Acme	Feb. 24th, 1914
" 61	Provost	Provost	Feb. 11th, "
" 62	Empire	Edmonton	Dec. 10th, 1913
" 63	Coal	Bawlf	Feb. 18th, 1914
" 64	Bow Island	Bow Island	March 19th, "
" 65	Diamond City	Diamond City	March 13th, "
" 66	St. Andrews	Trochu	Feb. 25th, "
" 67	Charity	Lethbridge	June 20th, 1913
" 68	Edson	Edson	July 3rd, "
" 69	Connaught	Viking	June 28th, "
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" 73	Brooks	Brooks	June 24th, "
" 74	Vulcan	Vulcan	June 17th, "
" 75	Harmony	Sedgewick	June 27th, "
U.D.	Fidelity	Bashaw	Feb 16th, 1914
U.D.	Champion	Champion	March 31, "
U.D.	Strathcona	Edmonton, South	Dec. 17th, 1913
U.D.	Hanna	Hanna	April 22nd, 1914
U.D.	Morning Star	Lougheed	July 31st, 1913
U.D.	Excelsior	Strome	Feb. 17th, 1914
U.D.	Commercial	Edmonton	Dec. 20th, 1913
U.D.	Zetland	Calgary	March 16th, 1914
U.D.	Acadia	Youngstown	April 23rd, "
U.D.	Suffield	Suffield	March 23rd, "
U.D.	Rocky Mountain	Blairmore	April 2nd, "

I have thus had the pleasure of visiting every one of the eighty-six Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I am not going to take up your time with many details of these visits, but am pleased to report that Free Masonry has reached a very high standard in this Province, and every effort is being made to maintain that standard and to increase, if at all possible, the respect in which our Order is held by our fellowman. It is also very pleasing to note the number of clergymen that are becoming associated with our Order.

When visiting Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod, I was pleased to see Most Worshipful Brother Patterson confer the second degree on his own son.

On the occasion of my visit to Zetland Lodge, U. D., Calgary, the ladies were invited to attend a reception given at the close of the Lodge meeting, during the entertainment the W.M. took occasion to present Mrs. Blair with a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty Roses and myself with a handsome cabinet of pearl handled Fourth Degree working tools. I cannot refrain from again expressing my appreciation of the thoughtful generosity of the members of this young Lodge.

On October 27th when visiting Bow River Lodge No. 1, it was my pleasant duty to present to Most Worshipful Brother Archdeacon Hogbin, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the jewel of their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge. This was to me a particularly pleasing duty, as M.W. Bro. Hogbin and myself had filled the office of Worshipful Master of our respective Lodges at the same time and had worked together in such harmony as to cement a friendship that, I trust, may continue while life lasts.

When visiting Jasper Lodge No. 14, Edmonton on December 8th, by request of the Lodges in District No 3, I presented Right Worshipful Brother Ibbetson with the regalia of a Past District Deputy Grand Master. This is a custom prevailing in many of our districts and I think it worthy of adoption by all, there can be no doubt that the District Deputy who faithfully discharges the duties of his office is entitled to some token of our appreciation.

During these visits I installed and invested the following Grand Lodge officers:—

June 23rd; R.W. Bro. T. Crawford, D.D.G.M.; District No. 7.

June 23rd; V.W. Bro. H. Ireland, Senior Grand Deacon; E. District No. 7.

June 27th; R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, D.D.G.M.; District No. 5.

August 19th; R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, D.D.G.M.; District No. 2.

June 28th; R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenney, D.D.G.M.; District No 10.

On June 21st, I installed the officers of Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, Cardston.

On December 27th, I was pleased to again install, at a joint meeting held in Perfection Lodge room, the officers of Bow River Lodge No. 1, Perfection Lodge No. 9, and King Soloman Lodge No. 41, when the spacious room was filled to its capacity by the officers and members of the three Lodges; the members of King Soloman Lodge of Cochrane attending in numbers that did great credit to their small membership. In this ceremony I was assisted by R.W. Bros. Empey, Rankin and Sharpe. V.W. Brother Robie acting as Director of Ceremonies.

I have attended the institution of new Lodges as follows:—

July 31st; Morning Star Lodge, Lougheed.

March 23rd; Suffield Lodge, Suffield.

April 2nd; Rocky Mountain Lodge, Blairmore.

On March 25th, I dedicated the Masonic Hall of Gleichen Lodge No. 36, at Gleichen, in the presence of almost their entire membership and a large number of visitors.

On April 2nd I dedicated the Lodge room of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 of Hillcrest. On this occasion the large number of visitors present from Coleman, Blairmore and Pincher was very noticeable.

I have noted a number of cases in which the Lodge was closed early and the ladies admitted to participate in the social part. This, in my opinion, greatly improves the social hour, as the talent furnished and the influence for good, which always accompanies the presence of our ladies, has a most elevating effect.

At every Lodge I have met a most cordial reception, in many cases I felt that too much trouble had been taken to provide for my comfort and entertainment.

My relations with the Subordinate Lodges have been most harmonious. If I could feel that their members had received as much pleasure and profit from my visits as I have derived from my intercourse with them I would feel well satisfied with my efforts to visit them.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

I have confirmed the recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York and appointed as our Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge W. Brother H. Delos Mallray.

I have recommended that appointments to fill vacancies among the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near this Grand Lodge, be made as follows:—

Canada	R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
Oklohoma	R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge	Camrose
Georgia	R.W. Bro. John Duff	Olds
Queensland	R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon	Edmonton, South
South Dakota	W. Bro. Wallace Zwiener	Calgary
South Carolina	R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson	Lethbridge
Utah	R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop	Edmonton
West Australia	R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny	Wainwright

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I have carefully read and approved By-Laws for seven Lodges, and amendments to existing By-Laws of ten other Lodges, details of which will be seen in the report of the Grand Secretary.

INCORPORATION

I have signed the necessary certificate to enable Unity Lodge, No. 51 of Edmonton, to make application for Incorporation.

DISPENSATIONS

I have granted Dispensations as follows:—

To Institute new Lodges	7
To wear Regalia at Divine Service	21
To elect and install Officers out of time	4
To hold special Installation	25
To change night of meeting	3
To change date and place of meeting	1
To confer Degrees out of time	1
To confer Degrees with insufficient residence	1
To reconsider Petition	1

I have refused to grant Dispensations for the following purposes:—

To empower Wardens to confer Degrees.

To receive Petition from candidate who had lost the first three fingers of his right hand.

I have on two occasions refused Dispensation to receive Petitions of candidates, who had lost one leg below knee.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION

I regret that I was able to attend only two of the Lodges of Instruction held by the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Province, full reports of which will doubtless be made to this Grand Lodge.

On February 13th, I attended a Lodge of Instruction at Camrose. At this meeting every one of the ten Lodges in District No. 5 were well represented, also Bashaw, Stettler, Edmonton, Edmonton, South and Calgary. A great many very interesting questions were asked and a fund of Masonic information imparted, the whole day being devoted to the work. A great deal of credit is due to R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, D.D.G.M., for that District, for his untiring efforts to bring this Lodge of Instruction to such a successful issue.

On April 10th, I attended a Lodge of Instruction at Medicine Hat, and spent a most enjoyable day. R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, D.D.G.M. for District No. 2, had left nothing undone to make the meeting a success and deserves great credit for his efforts in this connection.

I am convinced that Lodges of Instruction are and will always be a source of great benefit and am prompted by the experience of the past year to repeat the recommendation of my predecessor, which appears elsewhere in this report.

FIRE LOSSES

On New Year's morning the Brethren of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21 of Didsbury, had the misfortune to lose their Lodge room, and its entire equipment by fire. They in their usual business like manner, had the contents of their rooms well insured and immediate steps were taken to secure a renewal of their Charter and the necessary supplies for starting their Lodge again. Owing, however, to the fact that the entire business portion of the town had been destroyed, they found it impossible to secure suitable quarters. I had the pleasure of paying them an informal visit early in May and feel sure that, with the enthusiasm existing among their officers and members, a solution to their present trouble will be found at an early date.

On February 27th Acme Lodge, No. 60 of Acme, was entirely destroyed by fire, their insurance policy had expired on the 25th; they had made application for renewal but had been requested to furnish some particulars relative to the lighting equipment, which they had recently installed. Before this information was obtained the fire occured, leaving them entirely destitute. This is the third time this Lodge has suffered from fire within two years.

On the date of the fire W. Bro. Bannerman wired me at Lethbridge advising me of their loss. As I had not been able to attend the Lodge of Instruction being held at Lethbridge on that date, R.W. Bro. Judge Jackson read the telegram to the members present, and a suggestion was made that a collection be taken to assist the Brethren of Acme to make a new start, and the handsome sum of $64.25 was donated for that purpose. I afterwards made an appeal to the Lodges of the City of Calgary and have received donations amounting to Eighty Dollars.

The Brethren of Acme did not wait for this display of Masonic generosity, but were at work almost before the ashes of their ruins were cold, and I am pleased to learn from W. Bro. Bannerman that he has received the hearty support and co-operation of every member of the Lodge in his efforts to get their Lodge re-established; they now have their new Charter and are looking forward to a bright future, which the energy displayed by this small Lodge so richly deserves.

DECISIONS

The only decision I have been called upon to make, which I deem of sufficient importance to call to your attention, was a case of encroachment on the Jurisdiction of Cascade Lodge by King Soloman Lodge, who in October, 1912, initiated two candidates, who were residents of Exshaw, within the Jurisdiction of Cascade Lodge.

The case having been referred, during the term of my immediate predecessor, to the District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1, who ruled that the candidates were to become members of Cascade Lodge, and that all moneys collected by King Soloman Lodge for Initiation Fees be handed over to Cascade Lodge. This was done, Cascade Lodge accepted the fees but refused to confer any more Degrees on the candidates, yet continued to accept Lodge dues.

The matter was brought to my attention through a complaint from the candidates to King Soloman Lodge, and as the whole transaction had occured previous to my assuming office, I considered it advisable to refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge, and after consulting several of the members of that committee, I gave the following ruling:—

That the Brethern in question were now and had been since their initiation members of King Soloman Lodge, and instructed Cascade Lodge to remit all fees and dues to the Grand Secretary, to be disposed of as this Grand Lodge may direct. The sum of One Hundred and Three Dollars is now in the hands of the Grand Secretary and under the proper heading; I take the liberty of recommending its disbursement.

Since the above decision was given I have at the request of Cascade Lodge asked King Soloman Lodge to refrain from conferring any Degrees on the candidates until after the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

My reasons for this decison are: That it is not within the power of any Grand Lodge officer to say who shall become members of any Lodge; that in so doing he interfers with the inherent right of every Mason to say who will be admitted to membership in the Lodge of which he is a member.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The experience of the past year prompts me to make the following recommendations:—

That the Regalia of this Grand Lodge be recalled and sent to the manufacturers or other competent persons to be thoroughly cleaned and repaired.

That separate pages in our Proceedings be set aside dedicated to the memory of Most Worshipful Brother J J. Dunlop, Right Worshipful Brother H. S. McLeod and Brother R. H. Finch.

That the Grand Master be authorized to attend the Annual Communications of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, either in person or by deputy to be appointed by him. It is my opinion that much good would result from a better and more fraternal acquaintance with the Grand Lodges, who are our near neighbours.

That each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction become incorporated. This recommendation has been made by some of my predecessors, but I feel that its importance has not been fully considered by many of our Lodges. On March 15th, 1908, a Bill was passed in Parliament entitled: "An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons." This Act provides for the incorporation of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge. The requirements for incorporation are very simple and inexpensive, and are as follows: A resolution to incorporate, approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, a copy of such resolution signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and bearing the seal of the Lodge, together with a certificate signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, certifying that the Lodge is in good standing, sent to the Provincial Secretary with a registration fee of Ten ($10.00) Dollars secures any Lodge a certificate of incorporation.

In my opinion, the many advantages of incorporation more than recompense for this slight trouble and expense, and I strongly recommend that every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction become incorporated.

That District Deputy Grand Masters be directed to hold Lodges of Instruction in every District and that invitations to attend be sent to all Grand Lodge officers. This recommendation was made by my immediate predecessor and I believe with good results; I now solicit the support and approval of this Grand Lodge and the incoming District Deputy Grand Masters in an effort to see it fully carried out.

That this Grand Lodge authorize the Grand Secretary to credit the accounts of King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, and Acme Lodge, No. 60, with Fifty ($50.00) Dollars each, to assist in paying for the supplies necessary to make a new start.

That District Deputy Grand Masters be instructed to impress upon all Lodges the great necessity for carrying ample fire insurance and that they be required to make a report to this Grand Lodge of all Lodges who are not doing so.

That Ten ($10.00) Dollars of the amount now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, received from Cascade Lodge, No. 5, Banff, be applied to pay for dispensation which should have been applied for at the time. Ninety ($90.00) Dollars be returned to King Soloman Lodge, No. 41, Cochrane.

The rapid growth of our Order and the improved railway facilities make it imperative that some changes should be made in the Districts into which this Grand Jurisdiction is divided. I recommend that one District be added, and that they be arranged as follows:—

District No. 1.		District No. 2.	
Bow River	Calgary	Suffield	Suffield
Perfection	"	Quarry	Redcliff
Calgary	"	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat
Ashlar	"	Mizpah	"
Mt. Lebanon	"	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake
King George	"	Bow Island	Bow Island
Zetland	"	Doric	Taber
King Soloman	Cochrane		
Cascade	Banff		

District No. 3.

Star of the West ------Leduc
Edmonton ---------Edmonton
Acacia ---------- "
Jasper ---------- "
Unity ---------- "
Empire ---------- "
Strathcona ---------- "
Commercial --------- "
Edson ----------Edson
Tawatinaw ---------Athabasca

District No. 4.

Crossfield ----------Crossfield
Carstairs ----------Carstairs
King Hiram ---------Didsbury
Mountain View ----------Olds
Bowden ----------Bowden
Innisfail ----------Innisfail
Red Deer ----------Red Deer
Kennilworth -------- "
Eureka ----------Lacombe
Brittania ----------Ponoka
Wetaskiwin -------Wetaskiwin

District No. 5.

Camrose ----------Camrose
Coal ----------Bawlf
Excelsior ----------Strome
Tuscan ----------Killam
Harmony ----------Sedgwick
Morning Star --------Lougheed
Comet ----------Hardisty
Provost ----------Provost
Fidelity ----------Bashaw

District No. 6.

Corinthian ----------Okotoks
Cornerstone -------High River
Nanton ----------Nanton
Stavely ----------Stavely
Cairo..... ... .Claresholm
Joppa ----------Granum

District No. 7.

Langdon ----------Langdon
Strathmore ---------Strathmore
Gleichen ----------Gleichen
Bassano ----------Bassano
Brooks ----------Brooks
Acme ----------Acme

District No. 8.

Alberta ----------Macleod
Spitzie ----------Pincher
Chinook ----------Cowley
Sentinel ----------Hillcrest
Rocky Mountain ----Blairmore
Summit ----------Coleman

District No. 9

Ionic ----------Alix
Apollo ----------Stettler
Beaver ----------Castor
Coronation ---------Coronation
St. Andrew ----------Trochu
Hanna ----------Hanna
Acadia ----------Youngstown

District No 10.

Victoria ------Ft. Saskatchewan
St. John ----------Vegreville
Hope ----------Mannville
Vermilion ----------Vermilion
Palestine ----------Tofield
Connaught ----------Viking
Buffalo Park ------Wainwright

District No. 11.

Vulcan ----------Vulcan
Champion ----------Champion
Robert Burns ------Carmangay
Diamond City --Diamond City
North Star ---------Lethbridge
Lethbridge ---------Lethbridge
Charity ----------Lethbridge
Chief Mountain ------Cardston

I wish also to repeat the recommendation of my predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother Taylor:—That each Lodge use every endeavor to secure property in their respective locality, as I believe with him, that it will have a strong tendency to increase the interest of the members, and be of great financial benefit in the future.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

I have had the pleasure of corresponding with the Grand Lodges of British Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Manitoba, New South Wales and North Dakota, and am pleased to report that the Fraternal relations existing between this Grand Lodge and all other Grand Jurisdictions have been most harmonious.

On February 15th I wired greetings to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Independent Order of Oddfellows, then assembled at Medicine Hat. I latter received a very courteous letter of thanks from their Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION

I have not in this report dealt with the increase in our membership, our very creditable financial standing and a number of other matters, full details of which will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I feel I would be remiss in my duties if I did not call to the attention of this Grand Lodge, what appears to me to be an irregularity in the selection of some of our Grand Lodge officers. I have been informed that it is the custom in some districts to select the District Deputy by Lodge seniority; thus it becomes the privilege of one Lodge each year to nominate a District Deputy, and his election follows as a matter of seniority. Our Constitution provides that, "All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; no brother shall be elected or appointed to any office merely on account of seniority or rank." I am sure better results will be attained if we adhere to this rule, and no consideration is permitted, except that of personal merit.

We are living in a progressive age and in a most progressive country, where every effort is made to foster the church and the various institutions of education and beneficience. This cannot fail to create the high standard of citizenship which is best adapted to an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and which is most likely to seek membership in an order

whose foundation-stone is the uplifting of humanity. No society, sect or creed has so great an opportunity in this respect as Masonry, so long as we, its members, adhere to the required essentials of meeting upon a common level and always remember our duty to God, our neighbor and ourselves.

To have filled the exalted office of Grand Master has afforded me opportunities to renew and cement more strongly some old friendships and to make a great many new ones. The Craft will always command my very best efforts and each member of it my sincere regard.

I have worked with a conscientious desire to promote the best interests of our Order. I trust to your kind forbearance to overlook my errors. If any effort of mine has made plainer one portion of the sublime principles of our Order, one member assisted to greater Masonic light, my compensation for duties performed is more than sufficient.

I wish to thank the Past Grand Masters and present Grand Lodge officers, especially our Grand Secretary, for the great assistance and able counsel they have always been so ready to give, to the Craft at large for their unfailing courtesy and kindly receptions at all times, please accept my kindest wishes for your continued success and prosperity.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. BLAIR,

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), and seconded by M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4):—That the address of the M.W. Grand Master be received and referred to the committee on the Grand Master's Address.

COMMUNICATIONS.

York Grand Lodge of Mexico asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge.

Bro. L. E. McFarlane of Cascade Lodge No. 5, appealing from action of Tyee Lodge, B. C.

R.W. Bro. H. A. Gunn, D.D.G.M.; District No. 8, sends regrets for inability to be present.

M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson, P.G.M., sends regrets at absence.

M.W. Bro. Baker, Man., writes re conference of four Western Grand Lodges.

Finance Committee of Bow River, regarding expense of Lodge of Instruction called by D.D.G.M.

Miss Dunlop forwards thanks for attentions during illness, and at demise of her father, our M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, P.G.M.

Our Grand Representative near Grand Lodge of Manitoba, send greetings from that Grand Lodge.

Letter of thanks from Superintendent of Convalescent Home at Calgary, for donation made at last Communication.

From Secretary of Robert Burns Lodge regarding fines for delayed returns.

From Secretary of Bowden Lodge re fines for delayed returns.

From Calgary Masonic Board of Relief outlining the method adopted by them in handling relief in needy cases.

From W. Master of Cascade Lodge with reference to action of King Solomon Lodge in invasion of Lodge Jurisdiction.

Rugg Co., Winnipeg, tender for printing Annual Proceedings; Star Printing Works, Calgary, tender for printing Annual Preceedings.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1), and carried: "That the several communications read be disposed as follows":—

That from York Grand Lodge of Mexico be referred to Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

That of Bro. McFarlane to Committee on Jurisprudence.

From M.W. Bro. Patterson, R.W. Bro. Gunn, Miss Dunlop, Grand Representative near Manitoba, Superintendent of Convalescent Home, and Calgary Masonic Board of Relief be received and filed.

Communications from Cascade Lodge, Bowden Lodge and Robert Burns Lodge be referred to Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

From Finance Committee of Bow River Lodge and from M.W. Bro. Baker be referred to Board of General Purposes.

Tenders from Rugg Co. and Star Printing Works referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

Calgary, Alberta.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District, and a report of my official acts for the year ending May, 1914.

Bow River Lodge No. 1

My first official act was a visit to this my own Lodge, which I made on the evening of July 14th, at which I received a most cordial reception. This was their regular meeting, and I found the business conducted in good form, the Lodge well officered, and the attendance large. The books are well and carefully kept, and reflect great credit upon the Secretary, Bro. G. A. T. Mason.

On October 27th I had the honor of accompaying the M.W. the Grand Master S. J. Blair when he made his official visit to this Lodge, and had the pleasure of witnessing M.M. Degree conferred in splendid form, the Lodge being officered entirely by their past masters.

I also visited this Lodge on December 8th and 27th, February 9th and March 23rd. On December 27th I had the honor of installing, at a joint installation of Bow River No. 1, Perfection No. 9 and King Solomon No. 41, a very able set of officers for the ensuing

year. At the time of my visit on March 23rd the officers and members of King George Lodge No. 59, who were paying Bow River a fraternal visit, conferred the E. A. Degree in a very satisfactory manner.

CASCADE LODGE NO. 5

I visited this Lodge officially on the evening of December 11th, and was most cordially received. It being regular night for election of officers there were no Degrees conferred. I found the Lodge well officered, harmonious, attendance good and deep interest shown in the general welfare of the Lodge.

On April 9th I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master to this Lodge and witnessed the M.M. Degree exemplified in a most able manner. The books and records of this Lodge are in splendid shape.

PERFECTION LODGE NO. 9

I visited this Lodge on the evening of October 7th in company with the M.W. Grand Master on his official visit. No Degrees were exemplified, but Lodge was opened and closed in good form, and the books and records were well kept. A splendid social evening was spent after Lodge was closed at which good fellowship was manifested, and an excellent programme rendered by members of the fraternity.

I again visited this Lodge on April 7th, when they were the recipients of a fraternal visit from officers and members of Keystone Lodge, High River, and witnessed the second section of the M.M. Degree conferred in a most efficient manner.

CALGARY LODGE NO. 23

I had the pleasure of making my first official visit to this Lodge on the evening of August 1st, and was exceptionally well received by the Brethren. This being a regular meeting no Degrees were conferred. I found the Lodge well officered, the books and records in splendid condition, and the members truly loyal to their officers and to each other; harmony and good fellowship prevails in the truest sense in this Lodge. I again visited this Lodge on December 5th, at their meeting for election of officers, and again at their regular meeting on February 6th, and witnessed their examination of E.A. Masons, which was thorough and showed their candidates to be well instructed in the E.A. Degree.

ASHLAR LODGE NO. 28

I had the honor of paying four visits to this Lodge during my year of office, the first visit being on August 14th. At the meeting on the evening of December 18th, I witnessed the M.M. Degree conferred in a very able manner, the Past Masters of the Lodge filling the chairs and doing the work. On January the 8th, at a regular meeting I had the pleasure of hearing a very able discourse by Dr. Darling of Edmonton, and again on February 12th a very interesting and instructive lecture by R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, Deputy Grand Master. This Lodge is to be congratulated upon its policy of giving its members the benefit of the experience and knowledge of well skilled Masons, by having lectures upon different phases of Masonry delivered by these experienced Brethren at their regular meetings

KING SOLOMAN LODGE NO. 41

On December 12th I visited this Lodge officially, and witnessed the election of officers, the transaction of the general business, and the conferring of the M.M. Degree. This Lodge though small in members in fortunate in having some very enthusiastic and loyal members. The work was well done; the books and records are well kept, and good fellowship prevails. I again visited this Lodge on the evening of April 24th, and was accompanied by twelve members of Bow River Lodge No. 1, and R.W. Bro. Stewart, D.D.G.M., No. 2 District, when we were given a most cordial reception.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE NO. 54

On November 11th I visited this Lodge, and as it was regular business meeting no Degrees were conferred. The business was carried on with promptness and dispatch, accounts books and records being in good shape, and Lodge well officered.

I paid a second official visit to this Lodge March 24th, when they received a fraternal visit from Perfection Lodge No. 9, and at which time the E.A. Degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. I was pleased to learn that only fifty cents in dues were outstanding on the books of this Lodge for year 1913.

KING GEORGE LODGE NO. 56

I visited this Lodge on November 28th, and March 13th, and was most cordially received on both occasions. At the first meeting I saw the E.A. Degree conferred upon two candidates. The

work was well and truly done, and the candidates were deeply impressed with the lessons. The second visit was at a regular meeting, and I found the officers very efficient, the books well kept, and their business transacted in a pleasant and harmonious manner, I also had the pleasure of paying this Lodge two other visits.

ZETLAND LODGE, U.D.

On December 18th, by request of the M.W. the Grand Master, I had the honor of instituting Zetland Lodge, and installing their officers. On March 16th, I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master on his official visit to this Lodge, when after the closing in form, of the Lodge, a social evening was spent and we were very hospitably entertained.

On April 6th I paid my official visit and witnessed the E.A. Degree exemplified in splendid form upon five candidates. This Lodge was instituted under very auspicious conditions as amongst its members enrolled are many Past Masters and well skilled Masons, and I have pleasure in recommending that a charter be granted this Lodge at the meeting of Grand Lodge.

In addition to the foregoing acts I called a Lodge of Instruction for Lodges working under Canadian Rite at Calgary, on March 30th. The Lodge being opened at 2 p.m. by officers of Ashlar Lodge, and the E.A. Degree exemplified by them in a very satisfactory manner. At 7:45 p.m. Bow River opened Lodge in M.M. Degree, and exemplified this Degree in a very thorough manner. Many questions in regard to the work were discussed and I feel assured that this Lodge of Instruction had the desired effect of promoting harmony and good fellowship, and also greater proficiency and unanimity in our instructive science.

I also endeavored to arrange for Lodge of Instruction for Lodges working under the York Rite, but for several reasons it was not possible to secure this. However, the splendid customs existing in this District of the Lodges paying each other fraternal visits and exemplifying the several Degrees for each other to a certain extent takes the place of a Lodge of Instruction; but I would suggest to my successor in office that he arrange to hold Lodges of Instruction in this District during the coming year.

I also had the pleasure of accompanying the M.W. the Grand Master on his official visit to Lethbridge Lodge on April 1st, and on his visit to Medicine Hat to Lodge of Instruction held there on April 10th by R.W. Bro. Stewart, D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Brethren of District No. 1 most sincerely for the honor they have conferred on me and to express my appreciation of the many courtesies extended during the past year, and for the kindness and good-will shown me when making my several visits.

Fraternally submited,

JOHN M. EMPEY,

D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

Calgary, Alberta, May 15th, 1914

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F & A. M

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, I beg to submit the following report:—

The number of meetings held by Lodges in this District for the year ending 27th December, last, was 216. The average attendance of members at the meetings was 30 per cent.

Before commencing to visit the Lodges I decided on two things, first to ask each Lodge to work or exemplify the First Degree on my visit, and the other to find out what could be done in the way of holding Lodges of Instruction. It is most important that a Lodge should be able to do the First Degree well, and by having all do the same Degree, I expected to get a better idea of the standard of the work.

It might be of interest to say on my first tour around I was examined three times, the first two Lodges in different works, and the third offered me either, and here I also proved myself a Past Master.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE NO. 2

I visited this Lodge on October 24th. W. Bro. Hutchison presided and conferred the E.A. Degree on a candidate. Then again on March 2nd, when a joint meeting was held with Mizpah Lodge No. 35. Medicine Hat Lodge conferred the F.C. Degree.

This Lodge in the District has the highest average attendance of members at meetings, and there is always a large number of visitors with them. W. Bro. J. Elliot at the last election was made Master for the third time. It gave it a touch of personal interest to think that he and I had been Stewards in this Lodge together. On April 10th at the Lodge of Instruction, No. 2 conferred the Master Mason Degree, and like all their work, it was perfect. Not the least part being the singing of the music.

North Star Lodge No. 4

This Lodge was visited by me on October 20th. W. Bro. Oxland conferred the E.A. Degree on two candidates. The work of this Lodge is well-known to be of a high order. A feature of the evening was the presentation of jewels to two of their Past Masters. At the Lodge of Instruction on February 27th, this Lodge assisted me in the morning with the First Degree and in the evening under W. Bro. Armstrong in the first part, and W. Bro. Oxland in the second part, exemplified the Third Degree, which all who saw must agree was worth going a long way to see. This is the largest Lodge in the District. They held 33 meetings during the year. The aggregate attendance of members for the year was large, but the number of meetings lowered the percentage of attendance.

Doric Lodge No. 31

I visited this Lodge on October 28th. W. Bro. Westlake exemplified the First Degree in a careful manner. Under W. Bro. Ewing on the 10th of April, the Second Degree was exemplified, showing, as the other Lodges that day, excellent work.

Mizpah Lodge No 35

On my first visit, October 27th, W. Bro. Milne conferred the E.A. Degree. As noted above I visited Mizpah again on March 2nd. On the 10th of April this Lodge again put on the First Degree. W. Bro. Bell presiding, and a pleasant part of the ceremony was the music by the Lodge quartette. This is my own Lodge, and I ought to say that my first visit was made a kind of reunion, as I do not now live in Medicine Hat.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39

I was present at the regular meeting, October 16th. We had the pleasure of having with us R.W. Bro. Jackson, Deputy Grand Master, during the evening. W. Bro. Jones, who is a painstaking

Master, conferred the E.A. Degree. At our Lodge of Instruction here, W. Bro Jones read an essay on the history of the Master Mason Degree, and W. Bro. Hays conferred the first part, and W. Bro. Whelen the second part of that Degree.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 49

October 15th, I visited this Lodge. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden, who was in charge exemplified the First Degree in a manner that showed the Lodge well acquainted with the work. Bro. Quayle has since been elected Master. At the Lodge of Instruction in Vulcan the Brethren of Robert Burns under R.W. Bro. MacNaughton, exemplified the Third Degree in a most impressive way.

Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57

Visited this Lodge on October 27th. W. Bro. MacLachlan exemplified the First Degree capably. R.W. Bro. Driggs has presented the Lodge with two lots in the town and they are looking forward to the time when they can build. I was sorry to find the books had not been kept up properly; this has since been attended to.

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58

On my visit, October 18th, a candidate was initiated into Masonry. Only five members of this Lodge live in Cardston, the others are from one to twenty miles out. The spirit of their Degree work was good, and the Degree I saw was helped by the music. To keep this Lodge going the Brethren are levying an assessment on themselves, beside the regular dues, of $10.00 per year.

Bow Island Lodge No. 64

This Lodge leads in percentage of members attending meetings. On two occasions I asked for meetings, the hall had been previously engaged by other parties. On October 22nd, I went to Bow Island, and met W. Bro. Reed and most of the Brethren, and examined the books. However, if I could not get a meeting in Bow Island the Brethren journeyed to Medicine Hat on April 10th, and under W. Bro. Bruce showed the First Degree of the Ancient York work very creditably.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 65

Accompanied by several Lethbridge Brethren, I visited this Lodge on October 17th. V.W. Bro. Scott presided, and conferred the E.A. Degree.

CHARITY LODGE No. 67

The attendance of members of this Lodge is very good I paid them a visit October 21st. W. Bro. Thompson exemplified the First Degree. On February 27th I saw Charity Lodge work the F.C. Degree. This Lodge is new, but the work was without flaw.

VULCAN LODGE, No. 74

I visited this Lodge on October 14th. In the absence of the Master, W. Bro. P. C. L. Clarke presided, and put on the First Degree in a very earnest manner. The attendance of members is high. On February 25th the Lodge under the new Master, W. Bro. Baird, showed a good knowledge of the First and Second Degrees.

CHAMPION LODGE, U.D.

This Lodge is given in Grand Lodge Proceedings as in District No. 6, and I made no arrangements at first for visiting it. As soon as informed that it was in my District, I wrote the Master asking for a meeting on October 29th. Unfortunately the Master did not live in town and the meeting was not called. It was my intention to hold a Lodge of Instruction in Champion on February 25th, but on the representation of the Brethren that most of the officers were away, and at their request I changed the meeting to Vulcan. Three of the Brethren came to Vulcan. The Lodge returns show a small membership, but the attendance good. Six meetings were held during the year. I regret not having seen any work put on by this Lodge.

Throughout the District, except where noted, I found the Lodge books in good order, and the work of a high standard.

Not the least part of the visits was the hour of refreshment, and for want of space I can only say that each Lodge appears to make a specialty of it.

On the 16th January, I had the pleasure of attendang R.W. Bro. Crawford's Lodge of Instruction at Strathmore, and again on March 30th; one held by R.W. Bro. Empey at Calgary, which were very interesting and of considerable help to me.

Owing to the extent of the District, I decided on calling several Lodges of Instruction, and as these meetings are new to us,

to make the programmes as broad as possible. With your special authority the Lodges participating were allowed to confer Degrees on candidates. They were directed to have a record of the Degrees conferred placed in the minutes of the next regular meeting. The Degrees worked by the Lodges of this District have been noted already; all I can add is the work exhibited at these meetings was perfect, and the officers won a great deal of praise from the Brethren who attended.

My first Lodge of Instruction was held at Vulcan on February 25th. Lodge opened at 3 p.m. Beside the degree work and question box, we were treated to a well prepared address by W. Bro. Clarke on the "First Degree of Masonry." Vulcan, Robert Burns and Champion Lodges attended, but unfortunately Champion Lodge was not able to come strong enough to do any work. At Vulcan we were banquetted by the ladies, and a pleasant feature of the hour was the presentation to one of the ladies of a piece of silverware for having acted as hostess to the Vulcan Lodge on many occasions.

On the 27th February, the second Lodge of Instruction was held in Lethbridge, M.W. Bro. Patterson, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Jackson, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. McDiarmid of District No. 6, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s honored us with their presence and advice during the day. Lodge opened at 9:30 a.m. Two Degrees of the Ancient York and the three of the Canadian work were shown. By arrangement with R.W. Bro. Gunn of District No. 8, Alberta Lodge No. 3, was present during the day and conferred the E.A. Degree, their work, like the others, was perfect, and won many favorable comments. On behalf of the Brethren of Lethbridge, W. Bro. Hardie, Mayor of the City, gave the Brethren attending an address of welcome. Late W. Bro. Hardie spoke on the E.A. Degree. W. Bro. Baker addressed us on the Fellow Craft, and W. Bro. Jones on the Master Mason Degree. Beside the degree work, there were several exhibitions of expeditious balloting, and the "question box" was busy all day. During the evening a message was received that Acme Lodge had lost all their furniture by fire. This gave the Stewards an opportunity to exhibit some of their work, and a tidy little sum was collected to help Acme outfit again. The Deputy Grand Master addressed us in the evening and was listened to with interest by all. Lodge closed at 11:30 p.m.

On April 10th, my third Lodge of Instruction was held at Medicine Hat. The programme and Degree work being much the same as at Lethbridge. We were honored with the presence and advice of M.W. Bro. Blair, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Kealy, P.G.M., R.W. Bro. Taylor, S.G.W., R.W. Bro. Empey of District No. 1, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s. On behalf of the Medicine Hat Brethren an address of welcome was given by R.W. Bro. Smyth.

By arrangement with R.W. Bro. Crawford of District No. 7, Quarry Lodge of Redcliffe was present and exhibited the balloting work. V.W. Bro. Luch addressed us on the "First Degree." M.W. Bro. Kealy on "Lodge Attendance," and R.W. Bro. Taylor on "Masonry" today."

As at Vulcan and Lethbridge, too much praise cannot be given to these carefully prepared and instructive addresses, and I feel under deep obligation to the Brethren for their great help to the Lodges of Instruction. At Medicine Hat we also had the pleasure of listening to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Blair. At Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, the visitors were banqueted sumptiously by the local Lodges.

A great deal of the work of preparation for the three Lodges of Instruction was done by local committees, and to them I express my sincere thanks.

The congregating of so many Masons from different points is of itself a good thing. Many of the officers of Lodges attended two meetings. The Senior Warden of Robert Burns Lodge took in the three, and to do so traveled over 400 miles.

I have been approached by Brethren from a number of the smaller towns about starting Lodges; and in nearly all these cases I have advised the Brethren to go slowly until they were sufficiently strong in numbers to make a good Lodge. On October 21st, I visited Coaldale, the Brethren there having expressed a wish to have a Lodge. There being no suitable hall in the place, the Brethren have decided to wait.

To the many Brethren who have helped me during the year, I extend my sincere thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

H. D. R. STEWART,
D.D.G.M.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

Edmonton South, May 22, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District.

The District as at present comprises ten Lodges as follows:—

Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Edmonton; Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton South; Jasper Lodge No. 14, Edmonton; Star of the

West Lodge No. 34, Leduc; Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton; Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton; Edson Lodge No. 68, Edson; Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, Athabasca; Strathcona Lodge. U.D., Edmonton South; Commercial Lodge, U.D., Edmonton.

My first official duty was to assist the M.W., P.G.M. Patterson along with other Grand Lodge Officers and local Lodges in laying the corner stone of Trinity Church, Edmonton South. Ceremony was ably performed and had a good attendance.

On June 24th I attended the funeral of the late M.W., P.G.M. Dunlop, whose demise has cast a gloom over the whole Masonic fraternity of Alberta.

Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71

On July 1st assisted the M.W. the G.M. constitute and install officers in Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, at Athabasca, and on February 17th, I again visited this Lodge and found it greatly improved since last visit. W.M. and officers conferred the Third Degree "York Rite" in full form in a most impressive manner and with great credit to themselves.

Edson Lodge, No. 68

On July 3rd I assisted the M.W. the G.M. constitute Edson Lodge No. 68 and install their officers. Again visited this Lodge in February and attended a banquet given by them, and examined their books and found everything in good shape, and have every reason to believe that this Lodge is doing well.

Strathcoa Lodge, U.D.

On September 29th I visited Strathcona Lodge with the M.W. the G.M., and again on December 17th, and saw work in the Third Degree very creditably done. On April 30th I examined their books and found everything in good shape, and think Strathcona Lodge has a bright prospect before it, and have much pleasure in recommending a Charter be granted to them.

Commercial Lodge, U.D.

Assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters of the different Lodges in Edmonton, I constituted Commercial Lodge, U.D. On December 20th I accompanied the M.W. the G.M. to a banquet tendered by this Lodge. On January 10th, 1914 I again visited them. Work in First Degree extraordinarily well done. Officers are very proficient. Again, on May 2nd, I visited this Lodge and saw work in the Second Degree, and examined their books and found them O. K. Historic register nicely written up. I take much pleasure in recommending they be given their Charter.

JASPER LODGE No. 14

On December 8th with the M.W. the G.M. I officially visited Jasper Lodge No. 14 and saw work in the First Degree. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition. Circumstances prevented me from visiting this Lodge again.

EMPIRE LODGE No. 63

On December 10th I officially visited Empire Lodge No. 63, with the M.W. the G.M. The business was conducted in a very satisfactory manner. This Lodge is making good progress.

ACACIA LODGE No. 11

I accompanied the M.W. the G.M. to Acacia Lodge on December 11th. Saw election of officers and work in Third Degree very satisfactorily done. I officially visited this Lodge on May 14th, the officers having been appointed since my last visit; I again saw work in the Third Degree, which was very satisfactory. The minutes were nicely kept and historic register in good shape.

EDMONTON LODGE No. 7

On December 18th I visited Edmonton Lodge No. 7; I accompanied the M.W. the G.M. on this date and saw election of officers and on two or three subsequent occasions I visited them. They do very high-class Degree work and books kept in first-class shape.

STAR OF THE WEST LODGE No. 34

I accompanied the M.W. the G.M. to a banquet given by this Lodge on December 19th. On May 5th I officially visited this Lodge, saw work in Second and Third Degrees nicely put on. The books are well kept. They have no historic register and would recommend they proceed at once to establish one, and would ask the Grand Secretary to give them all assistance possible.

UNITY LODGE No. 51

On December 16th I accompanied the M.W. the G.M. to this Lodge and saw work in Third Degree. On December 11th visited Hope Lodge, Mannville and saw election of officers.

On December 13th visited Vermilion Lodge and saw election of officers and work in Third Degree very well done.

On December 15th, St. John's Lodge, Vegreville.

On December 22nd, Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright, and saw word in Third Degree.

December 23rd, Palestine Lodge, Tofield, they entertained us right royally.

I want to take this opportunity of thanking the M.W. the G.M. for his kind invitation to accompany him to these Lodges outside my District. We received in every case all respect and honour due to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

I am pleased to report that Masonry in the Third Masonic District is flourishing, there having been one new Lodge instituted and two constituted during the year. The Lodges are all making good healthy Masons and are in good financial condition.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Brethren for the honor they have conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. and also to thank the Brethren of each Lodge for the kindness with which I was received on the occasion of my official visit.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. CONGDON,
D.D.G.M. Masonic District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Carstairs, May 1st 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith the following report, with reference to condition of Masonry in District No. 4:—

Innisfail Lodge No. 8.

On February 27th I accompanied the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, on official visit to this Lodge, and was pleased to have with me R.M. Bro. Botterill, D.D.G.M., of District No. 9. We were well received and enjoyed an interesting meeting. This Lodge has the honor of being the oldest and strongest in my District. The meeting was an emergent, but was well attended. The officers are well qualified; the books are in splendid condition; and

their register shows a good average attendance for the year. The financial condition of the Lodge is strong; the room is well furnished and equipped, and apparently the Lodge has a bright future.

Mountain View Lodge No 16.

I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, on an official visit to this Lodge on February 6th. This was an emergent meeting, and while no Degrees were conferred yet there were discussions on various subjects of interest, that made the meeting both interesting and instructive. This Lodge has a good record behind it for sound Masonic work. The attendance for the year has only been fair, owing largely to a number of members having left the District. The interest, however, has been well kept up; the officers are efficient; the books are in good shape; and the Lodge is doing good work.

Carstairs Lodge No. 20

On January 8th I accompanied the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, on an official visit to this Lodge. This was the first meeting for the newly elected officers for the year, yet their work is very creditable. This Lodge has a comfortable and well equipped Lodge room; is in a good financial condition; the books are well kept; and the average attendance is fair. In common with many other Lodges, they have a large number of absentees, which naturally affects attendance. The prospects for the future are good.

King Hiram Lodge No. 21

I have not been able to visit this Lodge officially, owing to their having lost their Lodge room and equipment through fire, and as they have found it impossible as yet, to secure a suitable room, it has been possible to hold only informal meetings. I have, however, met with them at different times, and also accompanied the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, at an informal meeting held a few days ago. This Lodge had their furniture insured and are in a good financial position. As soon as possible, they intend to secure a Lodge room and resume active work.

Bowden Lodge No. 42

I visited this Lodge officially at a regular meeting on November 12th. The officers conferred the Second Degree, the work was well put on, and the Brethren appear to be enthusiastic,

although the conditions are not very favorable, owing to the small membership, a number of whom are absentees, and a weak financial condition. The books had been neglected owing to their Secretary having left the town during the middle of his term, and a difficulty in securing a successor; but since a new Secretary has been elected, I understand conditions have improved. I would recommend, however, that the amount due the Grand Lodge for fines caused by delay in making returns be remitted, as this Lodge is not in a financial shape to pay this claim, which occurred through a misunderstanding with their late Secretary.

CROSSFIELD LODGE NO. 48

I made an official visit to this Lodge at a regular meeting on October 7th. The First Degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner, showing the officers to be well skilled. This Lodge has a very suitable and well equipped room, the books are in good order, the register shows a very high average attendance; the membership is growing rapidly, and this Lodge is in every respect an active one, and doing good work.

ACME LODGE NO. 60

I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, on an official visit to this Lodge on February 24th. The Second Degree was conferred, and the work was well put on. The books are in good shape, the attendance for the year was good, and general conditions are very favorable. I regret to report that two days after this visit, the Lodge and contents were destroyed by fire, and through an oversight, their insurance had lapsed. As this has been the third time this Lodge has suffered from fire in two years (twice with complete loss), there was considerable discouragement, but they have ordered a new equipment and supplies, and hope to have their Lodge in operation by June 1st. On behalf of this Lodge, I wish to thank the Sister Lodges and Brethren, whose sympathy and support greatly assisted in making it possible for them to procure a fresh start.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE NO. 66

I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Blair, on an official visit to this Lodge on February 25th. This was an emergent meeting, but the Second Degree was conferred, and the work was very well done. This is a young Lodge; the majority of the officers and members are young men.

who are very enthusiastic in their work, and show splendid efficiency; the books are well kept; the average attendance fair; and the prospects for this Lodge are very bright.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. DICKSON,
D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in your Fifth Masonic District:—

WETASKIWIN LODGE NO. 15

This is the oldest Lodge in our District and is likewive the best equipped in point of facilities. I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the G.M. on an official visit to this Lodge on February 19th. The F.C Degree was exemplified in a splendid manner. The Lodge is well officered and the books in perfect condition. They are particularly fortunate in having so many able Past Masters and P.G. Officers.

BRITANNIA LODGE NO. 18

Britannia Lodge No. 18.

I made my first visit to this Lodge at their regular Communication November 6th. I found the books well kept; the historical register begun; no insurance; Lodge rooms well furnished and cleanly kept. No Degree work had been done during the year, but the Masonic feeling was good and the Lodge in a healthy condition, and financially strong. I was pleased, in the absence of the M.W., to see the S.W. presiding. The business was conducted in a creditable manner. No work was put on at this meeting.

On my second visit on February 5th, we had the honor of the presence of the M.W. the G.M. The outlook seemed brighter and the visit of M.W. Bro. Blair seemed to inspire the Brethren with hope and confidence.

CAMROSE LODGE NO. 37

This is my Home and Mother Lodge. My first official visit took place at an emergent Communication on November 7th. The books are in splendid condition and they have wiped out a long standing debt to G.L.; financial condition healthy. The Lodge rooms have been partly refurnished, and are clean and attractive. Attendance fairly regular and specially prompt. The F.C. Degree was exemplified in a very serious and impressive manner. The examination in the E.A. Degree was especially good, being word perfect.

On the occasion of the visit of the M.W. the G.M. on February 12th, I again visited officially. There was no work put on, the evening being given up to M.W. Bro. Blair and complete arrangements for the District Lodge of Instruction to be held the following day. The new officers are exceptionally competent and good work is being done.

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 43

W. Bro. Caldwell and Officers and Brethren of this Lodge received me with much courtesy on my first visit on November 12th. The books were in good shape; the historical register not written up; no insurance carried; financial standing fairly good, but a considerable amount of dues out-standing; Lodge rooms well furnished and kept; attendance and regularity fairly good, and extremely well officered. I had the pleasure of seeing the W. M. Degree put on in a most impressive manner. Masonry, not only in its forms but in its spirit, is truly exemplified in this Lodge.

I had the honor to again visit this Lodge in company with the M.W. the G.M. on February 9th. The new officers occupied the chairs and put on the E.A. Degree most creditably. This Lodge has always been most fortunate in having very capable officers.

Bro. Fox of Camrose accompanied us on this visit.

COMET LODGE NO. 50

My first visit to this Lodge was on their regular meeting night, November 11th. Although a regular meeting, I regret to report that, as there were other attractions, there was no meeting held. I had no opportunity of examining the books. From what I could gather the interest was not strong but harmony prevailed.

On February 10th, I visited in company of the M.W. the G.M. I found the books in good shape, historical register begun

and property insured. The new officers put on the E.A. Degree very creditably. The Lodge accommodations are not the best, but were clean and well kept. We hope for a successful year during 1914.

PROVOST LODGE NO. 61

I visited this Lodge at an Emergent Communication on November 26th. Books were well kept; historical register not up to date; by-laws signed; well insured. This year they decreased their liabilities by over Three Hundred Dollars largely by free will offerings. They have good Lodge rooms, well kept, and the outlook is very bright. The F.C. Degree was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. I was pleased to have present another representative of G.L. in the person of V.W. Bro. Wilson, J.G.D.

My second visit was on February 11th, when we were honored with the presence of the M.W. the G.M. and V.W. Bro. Wilson. The Brethren seemed enthused and the outlook very bright. No work was put on. During 1914 several Lodges for Instruction have been held by this Lodge and interest is being well sustained.

COAL LODGE NO. 62

I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting on November 20th. The books were well kept; historical register begun, no insurance; Lodge well furnished and clean. Unfortunately, most of the members live in the country and their numbers are small. They are laboring under considerable debt, and as a result of these conditions the interest was not keen. That evening there was not a sufficient number present to open. I suggested that they ask Camrose No. 37 to visit and put on the M.M. Degree and so endeavor to stimulate the interest in their Lodge.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Team from Camrose Lodge when they visited Coal Lodge on December 8th. The visitors put on the M.M. Degree. There followed short speeches of encouragement from the visitors, which we have every reason to believe bore good fruit.

On February 18th, I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the G.M. on a third visit to this Lodge. The new officers had taken hold and all seemed enthusiastic. The F.C. Degrees was exemplified very creditably. At the present time there is much available good material at this point and the future promises much better things in the future.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 75

On June 7th, I had the honor of being present at Sedgewick and assist the M.W. the G.M. to constitute and dedicate Harmony Lodge No. 75. The ceremony was impressive and enjoyed by all. I much appreciated the assistance rendered by R.W. Bro. Malcolm and W. Bro. Caldwell of Tuscan Lodge, and W. Bro. Johnson of Camrose Lodge.

At the beginning of the ceremonies I had the honor to receive the benefit of installation as D.D.G.M. at the hands of the M.W. the G.M.

M.W. Bro. Blair also conferred the Installed Masters Degree on W. Bro. McKee of Harmony Lodge.

The Lodge has splendid quarters, well kept, and books in good order.

My second visit was made at their regular meeting on November 10th. The attendance was good, fairly punctual; historical register not written up; no insurance, but G.L. debt wiped out and their financial standing good. A splendid examination in the F.C. Degree was conducted, and the work of the M.M. Degree put on in a realistic and impressive manner. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Powell of Morning Star Lodge, and Bros. Measam and Romstad of Camrose Lodge.

MORNING STAR LODGE, U.D.

I had the honor to accompany and assist the M.W. the G.M. at the institution of this Lodge on June 31st. The Lodge rooms are good, but a trifle commodious. Prospects looked bright and all were enthusiastic over the institution. I wish to thank R.W. Bro. Malcolm and W. Bro. Caldwell of Tuscan Lodge, W. Bro. McKee of Harmony Lodge and the many Officers and Brethren of these Lodges, for their assistance on that occasion.

My second visit was made at their Regular Communication on November 13th. The work was not up as well as I had hoped; books and Lodge rooms well kept; no insurance. The Brethren of Harmony Lodge exemplified the M.M. Degree in a most creditable manner, which I am sure proved of great benefit to the officers of Morning Star Lodge.

On April 9th, I had the pleasure of a third visit when I obeyed the commands of the M.W. the G.M. in investing Bro. W. C. Reed as W.M., replacing W. Bro. Powell, resigned. I was well pleased with the new appointment and with the new conditions in the Lodge. The officers put on a Dummy F.C. Degree which was highly creditable to them. The Lodge today has very bright prospects of a good year ahead.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, U.D.

I had the honor to obey the instructions of the M.W. the G.M. in instituting Excelsior Lodge at Strome on November 14th. After all arrangements had been made for the institution, they were unfortunate enough to lose their hall by fire the day preceding the ceremony. However, the Lodge was instituted in a temporary Lodge room, on the guarantee that a suitable place of meeting could be had immediately. I wish to express thanks to R.W. Bro. Malcolm, W. Bros. Gibb, Caldwell and Johnson, and the visiting Brethren from Tuscan, Camrose, Harmony and Morning Star Lodges, who so kindly assisted me on that occasion.

On December 17th, I issued Dispensation for the Brethren to move into their new quarters, which are fairly suitable ones.

On February 17th I had the honor of accompanying the M.W. the G.M. on a visit to this Lodge. We found them doing good work and a splendid Masonic feeling prevailing.

My third visit was made April 30th. The officers conferred the M.M. Degree, and considering the age of the Lodge and the number of members the work was very good. Harmony and enthusiasm prevail, and prospects are bright.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

On February 13th, I held a Lodge of Instruction for the Fifth Masonic District at Camrose under the Charter of Camrose Lodge No. 37. We had an exceptionally profitable day. Our District is peculiarly situated, in the fact that all of our ten Lodges are working under the one Rite.

The officers of Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15 demonstrated the E.A. Degree, and the M.M. Degree was beautifully exemplified by the Officers of Perfection Lodge No. 9. Typical examinations of visitors in both the York and Scottish Rites were given by the Officers of Tuscan Lodge No. 43. The Installed Masters Degree was conferred by R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, J.G.W. Much valuable and instructive discussion took place under the supervision of R.W. Bro. Wilkins, Reid and Malcolm. In the evening the Officers and Brethren of Camrose Lodge No. 47 entertained the visiting Brethren with a banquet.

We had a most enthusiastic attendance of 123. G.L. was represented by M.W. Bro. Blair, G.M.; R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, J.G.W.; R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon, and V.W. Bro. J. Wilson, J.G.D., together with P.D.D.M.'s Wilkins, Reid and Malcolm. I wish to express to these Brethren and to the Officers and Brethren of Perfection Lodge, the keen appreciation of our District for their attendance and valuable services. I would also like to con-

vey my personal thanks to our G.M. and representatives of G.L., W. Bros. McHugh, Connacher and Armstrong, and Bro. Ireland of Perfection Lodge, as well as to the Officers and Members of all Lodges in the Fifth District, for the great amount of interest shown, and for the strenuous labors so gladly undertaken and so creditably performed.

GENERAL

During the past year I made twenty-two official visits to the various Lodges in the Fifth Masonic District. At all points I found harmony and good Masonic feeling prevailing. Many Lodges had neglected to properly cover their holdings with insurance, but at the present practically all are well insured.

In all Lodges, we had an average attendance of 40 per cent. I note that the older and larger Lodges have a poorer average attendance than the small ones. There are two reasons for this; more non-resident members, and more diversified interests in the larger towns. I would remind every Brother of his Masonic duty to attend all Lodge Communications unless it is absolutely impossible to do so.

No amounts are reported as paid for Relief during 1913. Might we urge the need of our Masonic Home and School Fund to Lodges who have no local calls for help.

Another matter requiring constant care of all Lodges is the necessity of those seeking advancement getting up the work before they accept positions of responsibility. In many cases the work of a Lodge is practically crippled the first two or three months of the year from this cause.

I would recommend to Grand Lodge that Charters be granted Morning Star Lodge at Lougheed and Excelsior Lodge at Strome.

I further respectfully recommend that the boundaries of the Fifth Masonic District extend from Camrose on the West to Provost on the East, covering eight Lodges—quite enough for one D.D. to oversee; that at least two more Districts be formed and so arranged that all Lodges in each District may be as nearly as practicable on one line of railroad.

Will you, M.W. G.M., kindly accept not only my personal thanks but the deep appreciation of all Lodges in this District for your personal visits to all, and for the kind words of advice and brotherly love expressed by you to the great benefit of the Craft.

I also wish to tender to the Lodges of the District my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and for the many Masonic kindnesses rendered me during the past year.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

S. WATSON YOUNGE,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Granum, May 1st, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

As District Deputy Grand Master for this Masonic District, I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Free Masonry in this District, to which I have the honor of being appointed during the past year.

STAVELEY LODGE NO. 33

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge on the 3rd day of June, when the Third Degree was conferred. I was well received by the Brethren, and the work was conducted in such a way as met with my approval. Several brothers from Joppa, Nanton and Cornerstone attended at the same time. I again visited this Lodge on the 19th day of November in conjunction with the M.W. Grand Master. On this visit no work was put on, but the Lodge entertained the Brethren at a ball. On examination of the books of the Lodge, I found them correct. There is a good Lodge here, very well conducted under W.M. Bro. Hopkins.

CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 22

I next visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, at Okotoks, on the 7th day of November, with the M.W., the Grand Master, when the Third Degree was conferred on four candidates. The work was put on with my entire approbation. I have reason to believe that this Lodge is working sincerely in the interest of Free Masonry. The membership of this Lodge is good, and I have a good future to bespeak for them.

CAIRO LODGE NO. 32

On the 18th day of November, I visited Cario Lodge, No. 32, in company with the M.W. the Grand Master. The First Degree was put on. The work was put on under the W.M. Bro. Boese, in a very creditable manner. I examined the books of the Lodge, and found them in a very satisfactory condition.

CORNERSTONE LODGE NO. 19

I was officially received at Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, High-River, on the 20th day of November, in company with the M.W.

the Grand Master, when the First Degree was conferred by the Senior Warden, assisted by W. Bro. Smith, in the absence of the W.M. There is a good attendance in this Lodge. I examined the books and found them correct. I have pleasure in referring to the exceptionally good work done by the Secretary, Brother Thomas, of this Lodge.

NANTON LODGE NO. 17

On the 21st day of November, I visited Nanton Lodge No. 17, when the First Degree was conferred by the Junior Warden Brother Reagh. The M.W. the Grand Master was also present. I again visited this Lodge on the 20th day of February, when the First Degree was again conferred by Brother M. Keage. This Lodge is holding its own. After the Degree was conferred, the question was brought to my notice of Jurisdiction between Cornerstone and this Lodge. After discussion, the matter was settled in a manner agreeable to both Lodges. I examnied the books of the Lodge and found them in order. I must also commend the way in which the work is conducted in this Lodge.

JOPPA LODGE NO. 40

I then visited, on the 5th day of March, my Home Lodge, Joppa, No. 40, which I found in exceptionally good form. I am a member of this Lodge, and I have reason to bespeak for it a good future under the supervision of W. Bro. Cochrane. It is progressing favorably.

By invitation from R.W. Bro. Stewart, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2, I attended a Lodge of Instruction held at Lethbridge on the 27th day of February, when I viewed the work put on by some of the Lodges in this District. I was much pleased by the way in which the work was put on by these Lodges. The attendance was good. In addition to the putting on of the work, a great deal of useful information along the lines of Free Masonry was given by the different speakers. This is the first Lodge of Instruction I have visited outside of my own District, and I would like to recommend the practice to be carried on continually and especially in my own District, as I have reason to believe that it will have a good effect.

GENERAL

During my visits to the different Lodges, I was more than ever impressed with the fact that Lodges of Instruction are very beneficial, and I would heartily recommend that they should be conducted as often as possible, especially in this District, this in

view of the fact, M.W. Sir, that our young members are dependent upon their older Brethren for instruction which will hereafter enable them to carry on the Great Work successfully, and as it should be done. I would also recommend that Lodges send Brethren to visit their Sister Lodges more frequently. I think it is of advantage that the Brethren of different Lodges should meet for the purposes of Free Masonry.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Brethren of this Masonic District for the honor of electing me their District Deputy Grand Master, and also for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the different Lodges.

All of which I respectfully submit.

Yours fraternally,

D. J. W. DIARMID,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Strathmore, May 18th 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

As D.D.G.M., I have the honor to herewith submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District, also of my official acts during the past year.

QUARRY LODGE NO. 70

On June 23rd, I visited Quarry Lodge and was officially installed by the M.W. Grand Master, Quarry Lodge being constituted that night.

A large number of visiting Brethren from Medicine Hat and other points were present.

I again visited Quarry Lodge No. 70 on November 24th.

This Lodge has a very bright future before it, having the best average attendance in my District.

BROOKS LODGE NO. 73

On June 24th, I assisted the M.W. Grand Master to constitute Brooks Lodge No. 73. I also visited this Lodge on November 18th, when they exemplified the First and Third Degrees in a capable manner.

This Lodge was fortunate in having for its first W. Master, R.W. Bro. Binns, and I am glad to see him follow up his useful work since, as Secretary.

BASSANO LODGE NO. 55

On October 28th, I visited Bassano Lodge, and found them in a flourishing condition, though they are handicapped by having to meet in the Presbyterian Church. They hope to have a Masonic Temple of their own in the near future.

The Third Degree was exemplified, five candidates being raised in a praiseworthy manner. This Lodge has put on more degree work than any other Lodge in the District.

LANGDON LODGE NO. 52

Langdon Lodge today is in a flourishing condition, considering the fact they were burnt out, losing everything they owned, some time ago.

I visited this Lodge on August 21st, and installed the officers.

I again visited this Lodge on Nov. 20th, when the Third Degree was exemplified; also on the afternoon of December 27th and installed the officers for the ensuing year.

GLEICHEN LODGE NO. 36

On Nov. 4th, I visited Gleichen Lodge, and saw the Third degree exemplified. My next visit was on March 23rd, when I assisted the M.W. Grand Master to dedicate the new Hall.

This being the oldest Lodge in my District, I am well pleased to record the support it receives from its Past Masters. They are to be congratulated on having the best Lodge room in this District.

SUFFIELD LODGE No. 86 U.D.

I visited Suffield March 5th, accompanied by Rt. W. Bro. Binns of Brooks, who assisted me in looking over the Hall, and in arranging for instituting a new Lodge.

I met the M.W. Grand Master on March 23rd at Suffield, and assisted him in instituting the Lodge, Rt. W. Bro. Binns and a number of Brethren from Brooks being present.

This being the baby Lodge in this district, they are to be congratulated on the manner in which they carry on the work.

STRATHMORE LODGE NO. 53

Being a member of Strathmore Lodge, I have visited in my official capacity on several occasions.

During the year the Lodge was fortunate in purchasing the Opera House in Strathmore, which they purpose reconstructing into a Masonic Temple.

I find in the report they have the best attendance of any Lodge in this district.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

On February 9th, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Strathmore Lodge No. 53, at which all Lodges in the 7th Masonic district met together, there being close to 100 brethren present.

The First Degree in Canadian Rite was exemplified by Strathmore Lodge No. 53, the Third Degree in York Rite, being exemW. Bros. Stewart and Binns were appointed critics, and many plified by Bassano Lodge No. 55, both in a creditable manner. Rt. points of interest were brought before the brethren, which proved the Lodge of Instruction a great benefit.

The brethren of Strathmore Lodge provided a banquet which brought congratulations from all visiting brethren.

Secretaries—It is very pleasing to me to say that each Secretary's work in this district is particularly worthy of mention.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 7, for the honor of being elected D.D.G.M. and also for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the different Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

(Sgd.) THOS. CRAWFORD,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Brockett, Alberta, May 14, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I herewith submit the following report on Masonic conditions in District No. 8.

I find in this District a gratifying increase in membership and ability to do good wook in all the Lodges.

All the Lodges have good quarters, furniture, and Regalia, and the officers are competent. The District is to be congratulated on the efficiency of the Secretaries.

Returns have not been made as promptly in two cases as I should have liked them, but they have both good and sufficient reasons, so that no blame could be attached to the present holders of the office.

The historical registers have been neglected in some Lodges for years. I have suggested that committees be arranged among the older members and they be written up.

I have visited all the Lodges in my District twice, with the exception of Spitzie No. 6, (my Mother Lodge), and Chinook Lodge No. 47, of which I am a charter member, these I visited officially once, as well as having attended unofficially.

On October 22nd, I visited Sentinel Lodge No. 26, Hillcrest, and saw the First Degree (York) exemplified in a very creditable manner by W. Master Quigley and his officers.

On November 10th, I had the honor as well as the pleasure of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master on his official visit to Chinook Lodge No. 47, Cowley.

On November 11th, M.W. Bro. Blair and I visited Sentinel Lodge No. 30, Coleman. There were about thirty-two Brethren present.

On November 12th, the Grand Master and I visited Sentinel Lodge No. 26, Hillcrest. We met about forty-two Brethren and had another good meeting.

On December 27th, I had the pleasure of assisting R.W. Bro. Murison, P.D.D.G.M., in the installation of the officers of Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod.

On December 29th, I had the honor of installing the officers of Sentinel Lodge No. 26, Hillcrest, with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Burnett, P.D.D.G.M. of this District.

On January 9th, I made my official visit to Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Pincher Creek. This is my Mother Lodge, and I found it in fair shape. The Lodge has quite a number in arrears and instructions have been issued to get the arrears collected. The officers are capable, the work well done, and outside of the arrears, the books are well kept and in good shape.

On January 15th, I went to Blairmore at the request of the Brethren there to inspect their quarters, as they had seventeen names with nearly all receipts and demits ready to present to

the Grand Master for a dispensation to work. They elected the Master and Wardens by ballot, and were later granted a dispensation.

On January 21st, I officially visited Sentinel Lodge No. 26, Hillcrest, and the new officers did their work in a very creditable manner. As usual, the attendance and enthusiasm made you think you were glad to be there. This is the largest Lodge, both in point of numbers and the amount of work done in this District.

On March 5th, I officially visited Summit Lodge No. 30, Coleman, and found the Lodge doing its work well although the W.M. was absent. The Wardens are both capable members, and they have the assistance of the Past Masters, particularly W. Bro. Ouimette. The books are well kept and although the Grand Lodge returns were late, it was no fault of the Secretary, as the Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Cameron had left for the East on account of his health, and that left the Lodge in an awkward fix.

On March 11th, I had the honor of accompany the M.W., the Grand Master, on his official visit to Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod. The officers are good, conscientious Masons, and are doing their work well. This Lodge is the happy possessors of a number of eminent Masons in the persons of M.W. Bro. Patterson, P.G.M., and two or three P.D.D.G.Ms., who still attend regularly, and help the work to be kept to the high standard that has been set in the past.

On March 12th, the M.W., the Grand Master, and I visited Spitzie Lodge No. 6, Pincher Creek, the Grand Master's official visit. This was an emergent meeting and there were not as many members as there would otherwise have been, but I am sure those who were present profited by the address of the Grand Master.

On April 2nd, I again had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Master, when he instituted Rocky Mountain Lodge, U.D., Blairmore, and he gave the new Lodge a very instructive address. This was an afternoon session, but there was a good turnout of the Masons of the District; in all about forty-two signed the register.

In the evening we journed to Hillcrest, and dedicated the hall of Sentinel Lodge No. 26.

On April 6th, I officially visited Chinook Lodge, No. 47, Cowley. This is the smallest Lodge in the District, but what they lack in numbers is made up by a very competent set of officers, who are ably assisted by R.W. Bro. Kemmis, and W. Bro. Murphy. The Second Degree in the Canadian work was put on in the best possible manner by W. Master McMillan. This Lodge has recently started a Masonic Library, which will be a great help to

the Brethren. It has also worked a good portion of the year without the W. Master and the J. Warden, who were in the hospital at the same time, but they have both happily recovered.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren for the honor they have conferred on me, and for the unfailing courtesy and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the Lodges of District No. 8.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. GUNN,
D.D.G.M., District No. 8.

Red Deer, May 20th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report for District No. 9.

I deem it unnecessary to enlarge fully upon the several visits which I have paid to the ten Lodges in this District, which were as follows:—

Eureka No. 10, Lacombe, Alberta, on November 5th, 1913, and May 6, 1914.

Red Deer No. 2, Red Deer, on September 17th, December 9, December 29, 1913, and February 20, 1914.

Apollo No. 27, Stettler, on October 6th, 1913, and March 2nd, 1914.

Kenilworth No. 29, Red Deer, on June 27th, December 2nd, 1913, and February 3rd, 1914.

Ionic No. 45, Alix, on November 13th, 1913, and March 3rd, 1914.

Beaver No. 56, Castor, on October 8th, 1913, and March, 4th, 1914.

Coronation No. 72, Coronation, on October 9th, 1913, and May 7th, 1914.

Fidelity, U.D., Bashaw, on October 7th, 1913, and April 30th, 1914.

Hanna, U.D., Hanna, on April 22nd, 1914.

Acadia, U.D., Youngstown, on April 23rd, 1914.

I found all Lodges doing good work, and the Masters and officers proficient, the several Degrees being conferred on many bright, young candidates. The statistical returns which accompany this report show the flourishing condition of Masonry in District No. 9.

The Secretaries in practically all cases had their books in good shape, including the historical registers, which in some cases were exceptionally well written, particularly with the younger Lodges.

The Lodge rooms are comfortable, well equipped and secure, with the exception of Red Deer, but the two Lodges there have leased the entire second flat of a new block, and when they move to their new quarters will have rooms more in keeping with their membership and work.

I accompanied the M.W. Grand Master on his visits to seven of my Lodges, where he was enthusiastically received, and his addresses for the good of the Craft much appreciated.

One of the pleasures I have experienced in my visits is that in nearly every case I have been accompanied by Past Masters or Brethren from other Lodges, showing the true Masonic spirit that exists in this District.

Fidelity Lodge, located at Bashaw, and Hanna Lodge, located at Hanna, have both been working under dispensation the past fifteen months, and as both lodges are worthy of a Charter, I have no hesitation in recommending that they be granted.

Acadia Lodge, located at Youngstown, was instituted during my term of office, but owing to unfavorable weather conditions, I was unable to personally institute this Lodge, and delegated Bro. O. C. Smith of Hanna, to perform this task for me, which he did on January 14th, 1914, assisted by Officers and Brothers of Hanna Lodge, and to these Brethren I owe my sincere thanks. On my visit to Acadia Lodge in April, I found it to be well officered and the work carried on in a very proficient manner, there being four Past Masters among its members, who lend considerable assistance. Their books were also in order. The Lodge room is suitable and well equipped, and I take pleasure in also recommending that a Charter be granted this young Lodge.

In submitting this report, it would be incomplete without expressing my deep appreciation of the courteous treatment I have received in my official position and the many kindnesses extended to me; and of thanking the Lodges of this District for the honor they have conferred upon me.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. BOTTERILL,
D.D.G.M., District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Wainwright, May 22nd, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I regret the necessity of reporting that I have visited but three of the seven Lodges which constitute District No. 10, viz: Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44, Wainwright; Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield; and Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking; having visited the latter Lodge three times.

In this connection, I may be permitted to explain that the geographical position of the Lodges of this District makes it well nigh an impossibility for a District Deputy to visit all the Lodges unless he has a very large amount of spare time at his disposal.

Located as the Lodges are, four on the C.N.R. and three on the G.T.P., with absolutely no established connection between the two roads, from twelve to fifteen days would be consumed in visiting the Lodges of the District unless emergent Lodges were called for the purpose.

It was my intention to hold a Lodge of Instruction at Edmonton during the week between Christmas and New Year, but owing to the poor reception which the proposal met with from the Lodges of the District, the proposal was abandoned and as this was the only spare time at my disposal, I relinquished the idea entirely.

In the Lodges which I visited, I found a strong desire for proficiency in the Ritualistic Work, and a very fair exhibition in the work was given in the Lodges visited.

I regret that the amity of Connaught Lodge has been disturbed during the year. In my belief, the disturbing influence originated with but a very small element with personal interests, rather than the interests of their Lodge, at heart. However, under new officers to be elected in June, I have no doubt that the Brethren will again unite, especially as one of the malcontents requested and was granted his Demit.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you and the Brethren who interested themselves in my appointment to this office, and regret

the lack of time interfered with a better carrying out of the duties of the office.

I also wish to thank the Brethren of the Lodges visited for the courteous manner in which I was received when making my visit.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

N. S. KENNY,
D.D.G.M., District No. 10.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell (45), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m.

First Day ... Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, G.M., Grand Officers, Members and Grand Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of Sister Grand Lodges as reported present were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith submit a statement of receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge from February 1st, 1913, to January 31st, 1914.

1913			
Jan.	31	—Balance to credit of Grand Lodge	$1,640 11
Feb.	18	—To Deposit by Grand Secretary	760 30
March	22	—" " " "	20 35
April	15	—" " " "	560 60
April	30	—" " " "	197 95
May	19	—" " " "	231 60
June	16	—" " " "	196 95
July	5	—" " " "	623 83
July	25	—" " " "	1,270 40
Sept.	25	—" " " "	817 35
Oct.	6	—" " " "	954 75
Dec.	8	—" " " "	520 65
1914			
Jan.	2	—" " " "	964 95
Jan.	26	—" " " "	903 55
Jan.	30	—" " " "	855 47
Jan.	31	—" " " "	539 20
			$11,058 01
		By Cheque refused at Bank	51 00
		Total	$11,007 01

1913			
Feb.	1	—By Cheque, Linton Bros	40
Feb.	1	—" " Office Specialty Co.	83 90
Feb.	1	—" " Star Printing Co.	27 50
Feb.	1	—" " Calgary Bookbinding Co.	3 50
Feb.	1	—" " J. D. McAra, Printing	9 50
Feb.	1	—" " T. W. Taylor Co.	28 00
Feb.	1	—" " Bank of Nova Scotia	590 00
Feb.	1	—" " Grand Secretary	161 70
Feb.	1	—" " Grand Secretary, Rent	300 00
Feb.	17	—" " T. G. Whithier, Benevolent Fund	180 00
Feb.	17	—" " City Cartage Co.	2 50
		Carried forward	1387 00

				Brought forward	1387	00
Feb.	17—	"	"	Linton Bros.	7	30
Feb.	17—	"	"	T. W. Taylor for Ledgers	89	00
Feb.	17—	"	"	Star Printing (Dimits)	13	75
Feb.	17—	"	"	Young & Kennedy	5	00
Feb.	17—	"	"	R. Patterson	67	50
Feb.	17—	"	"	Harry E. Kent	6	00
Feb.	17—	"	"	Grand Secretary	173	00
April	4—	"	"	Pantograph Printing Co.	33	46
April	4—	"	"	Linton Bros.	2	75
April	4—	"	"	Grand Secretary	158	00
April	30—	"	"	Linton Bros.	10	50
April	30—	"	"	Dominion Regalia Co.	30	80
April	30—	"	"	J. H. Dickinson		60
April	30—	"	"	T. W. Taylor	86	50
April	30—	"	"	Miss B. Herdman	25	00
April	30—	"	"	Star Printing Works	28	25
April	30—	"	"	Remington Typewriter Co.	10	50
April	30—	"	"	Masonic Relief Association	25	83
April	30—	"	"	Grand Secretary	163	75
June	10—	"	"	Star Printing Works	27	25
June	10—	"	"	Copp Clarke Co.	400	00
June	10—	"	"	J. D. McAra	16	75
June	10—	"	"	Dominion Regalia Co.	57	35
June	10—	"	"	T. W. Taylor Co.	147	50
June	10—	"	"	Harry E. Kent	30	00
June	10—	"	"	Grand Secretary	234	45
July	7—	"	"	Brewster Transfer Co.	159	30
July	7—	"	"	R. H. Finch	14	00
July	7—	"	"	Robert Patterson	65	00
July	7—	"	"	City Cartage Co.		75
July	7—	"	"	Walter Ramsay	20	00
July	7—	"	"	J. D. McAra	17	80
July	7—	"	"	Geo. Macdonald	211	40
Aug.	4—	"	"	Mrs. J. D. McKillop	150	00
Aug.	4—	"	"	Star Printing Works	15	50
Aug	4—	"	"	Star Printing Works	832	00
Aug.	4—	"	"	Dickinson	6	50
Aug.	4—	"	"	G. Macdonald, G. Secretary	168	35
Sept.	4—	"	"	Star Printing Works	30	36
Sept.	4—	"	"	S. J. Blair, G.M.	132	00
Sept.	4—	"	"	G. Macdonald, G. Secretary	160	15
Oct.	4—	"	"	Linton Bros.	3	60
Oct.	4—	"	"	Office Specialty Co.	68	85
Oct.	4—	"	"	G. Macdonald, G. Secretary	150	00
				Carried forward	5443	35

			Brought forward	5443 35
Nov.	7—	"	" Linton Bros.	2 30
Nov.	7—	"	" Geo. Macdonald	164 65
Nov.	29—	"	" Star Printing Works	11 65
Nov.	29—	"	" Canada Fimbut Co.	50 00
Nov.	29—	"	" Grand Secretary	200 00
Dec.	27—	"	" Star Printing Works	6 75
Dec.	27—	"	" Grand Secretary	208 25
				$6086 95

Receipts	$11,007 01
Expenditure	6,086 95
Balance	$4,920 06

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. Lindsay,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct—
T. F. ENGLISH
W. ZWIENER

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) seconded by R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Finance Committee."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I herewith present the Ninth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year ending January 31st, 1914, the expenditures made, a cash statement, statement of receipts, loss and gain and balance sheets; also a synopsis of the returns of the several Lodges to December 27th, 1913, together with, by instruction of the M.W. Grand Master, special communications summoned, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed, and all other official acts of the M.W. Grand Master, and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 58 (12) of Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have completed and issued 616 Master Mason's certificates for Brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 21 Life Members were registered and requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 57 Past Master's certificates to Past Masters making application for same.

CHARTERS.

In compliance with the orders of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the undermentioned Lodges, and these Lodges were duly constituted and their officers installed by the M.W. Grand Master or Brethren commissioned by him for that purpose, viz:—

Charity Lodge, No. 67, at Lethbridge, in the Second Masonic District, constituted June 20th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Edson Lodge, No. 68, at Edson in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 3rd, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Connaught Lodge, No. 69, at Viking, in the Tenth Masonic District, constituted June 28th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Quarry Lodge, No. 70, at Redcliff, in the Seventh Masonic District, constituted June 23rd, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Tawatinaw Lodge, No. 71, at Athabasca Landing, in the Third Masonic District, constituted July 1st, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Coronation Lodge, No. 72, at Coronation, in the Ninth Masonic District, constituted July 29th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Brooks Lodge, No 73, at Brooks, in the Seventh Masonic District, constituted June 24th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S.J. Blair, Grand Master.

Vulcan Lodge, No. 74, at Vulcan, in the Second Masonic District, constituted June 13th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Harmony Lodge, No. 75, at Sedgewick, in the Fifth Masonic District, constituted June 27th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

The following Lodges were continued under dispensation on request of committee on Charters and new Lodges, viz:—

Fidelity Lodge, at Bashaw, in the Ninth Masonic District.

Champion Lodge, at Champion, in the Sixth Masonic District.

Strathcona Lodge, at Edmonton South, in the Third Masonic District.

Hanna Lodge, at Hanna, in the Fifth Masonic District.

NEW LODGES.

Morning Star Lodge, at Lougheed, in the Fifth Masonic District, twelve charter members. Dispensation issued July 3rd, 1913. W. C. Reed, W.M.; Frank Chappel, S.W.; Henry Main, J.W. Instituted July 31st, 1913, by R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, D.D.G.M.

Excelsior Lodge, at Strome, in the Fifth Masonic District, nine charter members. Dispensation issued September 22nd, 1913. S. R. Pryor, W.M.; J. W. McClelland, S.W.; J. H. Gold, J.W. Instituted November 14th, 1913, by R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, D.D.G.M.

Commercial Lodge, at Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, twenty-five charter members. Dispensation issued October 15th, 1913. C. G. Davidson, W.M.; J. B. Hawkins, S.W.W. P. Hair, J.W. Instituted November 22nd, 1913, by R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon, D.D.G.M.

Acadia Lodge, at Youngstown, in the Ninth Masonic District fifteen charter members. Dispensation issued November 21st, 1913. D. C. Thomson, W.M.; E. M. Hatton, S.W.; W. M. Nasmyth, J.W. Instituted January 14th, 1914, by W. Bro. O. C. Smith.

Zetland Lodge, at Calgary, in the First Masonic District, one hundred and two charter members. Dispensation issued December 8th, 1913 Joseph H. Argue, W.M.; G. W. Kerby, S.W.; Victor A. Bowes, J.W. Instituted December 18th, 1913, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

Suffield Lodge, at Suffield, in the Seventh Masonic District, eleven charter members. Dispensation issued March 21st, 1914. James Murray, W.M.; J. W. Clarkson, S.W.; W. Hutchinson, J.W. Instituted March 23rd, 1914, by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master.

FIRE.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, at Didsbury, had their Lodge room and effects destroyed by fire on the 1st of January last. Insurance $600 On February 27th, the Lodge at Acme No. 60, was again visited by fire and the Brethren sustained a total loss of about $700, uncovered by insurance, their policy having lapsed two days previous to fire. Duplicate charters and sets of records, books, etc., were provided and forwarded to both these Lodges.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

The M.W. Grand Master has examined and approved the by-laws of the following Lodges:—

Bow River, No 1	Oct.	15, 1913
Vulcan, No. 74	Oct.	15, 1913
Sentinel, No. 26	Feb.	3, 1914
Harmony, No. 75	Feb.	3, 1914
Jasper, No. 14	Feb.	7, 1914
King George, No. 59	Feb.	23, 1914
Chief Mountain, No. 58	Feb.	23, 1914

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Bassano, No. 55	June	11, 1913
Bow River, No. 1	Nov.	22, 1913
Medicine Hat, No. 2	Dec.	6, 1913
Mizpah, No. 35	Dec.	26, 1913
Victoria, No. 13	Jan.	6, 1914
Buffalo Park, No. 44	Jan.	6, 1914
Alberta, No. 3	Feb.	23, 1914
Cascade, No. 5	Feb.	23, 1914
Chinook, No. 47	March	14, 1914
Empire, No. 63	March	16, 1914
North Star, No. 4	May	18, 1914

INCORPORATION OF LOCAL LODGES.

Certificates as called for by the Grand Lodge Act of Incorporation were issued to Strathmore Lodge, No. 53, on 22nd July, 1913, and to Unity Lodge No. 51, on 3rd February, 1914, to enable them to secure incorporation under this Act.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Dispensations have been isued by direction of the M.W. Grand Master:—

TO WEAR REGALIA AT DIVINE SERVICE.

Palestine, No. 46	June	5, 1913
Bassano, No. 55	June	5, 1913
St. John, No. 25	June	9, 1913
Victoria, No. 13	June	9, 1913
Strathmore, No. 53	June	9, 1913
Kenilworth, No. 29	June	9, 1913
Red Deer, No. 12	June	9, 1913
Corinthian, No. 22	June	10, 1913
Fidelity, U.D.	June	13, 1913
North Star, No. 4	June	19, 1913
Lethbridge, No. 39	June	19, 1913
Ionic, No. 45	June	30, 1913
Bow Island, No. 64	June	26, 1913
Camrose, No. 37	June	30, 1913
Mountain View, No. 16	June	27, 1913
Provost, No. 61	June	30, 1913
Hope, No. 38	July	29, 1913
Bassano, No. 55	Oct.	26, 1913
Brooks, No. 73	Nov.	21, 1913
Medicine Hat, No. 2	Dec.	23, 1913
Cairo No. 32	Dec.	23, 1913

TO ELECT AND INSTAL OUT OF TIME.

Empire, No. 63	Dec.	23, 1913
Bassano, No. 55	Dec.	30, 1913
Robert Burns, No. 49	Feb.	3, 1914
Charity, No. 67	March	25, 1914
Britannia, No. 18	May	15, 1914

TO HOLD SPECIAL INSTALLATION.

Palestine, No. 46	June	30, 1913
Red Deer, No. 12	July	4, 1913
Unity, No. 51	Dec.	1, 1913
Coronation, No. 72	Dec.	8, 1913
Eureka, No. 10	Dec.	10, 1913
Calgary, No. 23	Dec.	15, 1913
Cascade, No. 5	Dec.	15, 1913
Diamond City, No. 65	Dec.	23, 1913
Acacia, No. 11	Dec.	23, 1913
Quarry, No. 70	Dec.	23, 1913
Corinthian, No. 22	Dec.	23, 1913
North Star, No. 4	Dec.	23, 1913
Ashlar, No. 28	Dec.	23, 1913
Sentinel, No. 2	Dec.	23, 1913
Medicine Hat, No. 2	Dec.	23, 1913
Vermilion, No. 24	Dec.	23, 1913
Innisfail No. 8	Dec.	23, 1913
Summit, No. 30	Dec.	23, 1913
Charity, No. 67	Dec.	23, 1913
Lethbridge, No. 39	Dec.	26, 1913
Joppa, No. 40	Dec.	30, 1913
Stavely, No. 33	Dec.	30, 1913
Wetaskiwin, No. 15	Jan.	6, 1914
Doric, No. 31	Jan.	9, 1914
Provost, No. 61	Jan.	20, 1914

TO ACT ON PETITION FROM WITHOUT LODGE JURISDICTION

Rocky Mountain, U.D.	May	15, 1914

FOR NEW LODGES.

Morning Star at Lougheed	July	3, 1913
Excelsior at Strome	Sept.	22, 1913
Commercial at Edmonton	Oct.	15, 1913
Acadia at Youngstown	Nov.	21, 1913
Zetland at Calgary	Dec.	8, 1913
Rocky Mountain at Blairmore	March	7, 1914
Suffield at Suffield	March	21, 1914

TO CHANGE NIGHT OF REGULAR MEETING.

Coronation, No. 72	July	4, 1913
Vermilion, No 24	Dec.	8, 1913
Vermilion, No 24	April	24, 1914

TO CHANGE DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING.

Zetland, U.D.	Jan.	24, 1914

TO CONFER DEGREES OUT OF TIME.

Sentinel, No. 26	Jan.	6, 1914

INSUFFICIENT RESIDENCE.

Langdon, No. 52	March	14, 1914

RECONSIDER PETITION.

Empire, No. 63	July	21, 1913

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Arizona, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Chas. M. Smith, of Yuma, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of New York, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. H. Delos Mallory of New York, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New York, vice R. W. Bro. Jos. McKay, resigned.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Oklahoma, the M.W. Grand Master has appointed R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Wells, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. Grand Master of Alberta, the following Brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta for the undermentioned Grand Lodges:—

Canada—R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor of Calgary, vice M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, deceased.

Georgia—R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge of Camrose, vice V.W. Bro. F. R. Exham, left Jurisdiction.

Oklahoma—R.W. Bro. John Duff of Olds.

Queensland—R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon of Edmonton South, vice V.W. Bro. R. W. Day, left Jurisdiction.

South Carolina—R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson of Lethbridge, vice V.W. Bro. A. C. Messer, left Jurisdiction.

South Dakota—W. Bro. W. Zwiener of Calgary.

Utah—R.W .Bro. E. T. Bishop of Edmonton, vice R.W. Bro. H. S. McLeod, deceased.

West Australia—R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny of Wainwright, vice R.W. Bro. C. C. Hoyle, left Jurisdiction.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor, Chairman.
M.W. Bro. Robert Patterson. M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin.

ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson. R.W. Bro. W.M. Connacher.

ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

M.W. Bro. Thomas McNabb, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny. R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry.

ON FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. E. D. H. Wilkins, Chairman.
R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop. R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge.

AUDITORS

R.W. Bro. T. F. English. W. Bro. W. Zwiener.

LODGE RETURNS

It is with pleasure that I can report the marked improvement in the promptness and with which semi-annual returns have been forwarded and the increased care noted in their preparation. There were but two very late reports, viz: That of Palestine Lodge, No. 46, received 14th April, and Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, received 2nd May. Both for half year ending December 27th, 1913.

MEMBERSHIP.

INCREASE

Membership, December 27th, 1912			5,166
Initiated		683	
Passed	664		
Raised	586		
Joined		549	
Restored		16	1,248
Total Increase			6,414

DECREASE

Demitted	212	
Suspended, N.P.D.	124	
Suspended, U.M.C.	3	
Died	36	
Total Decrease		375
Total Membership, December 27th, 1913		6,039
Net Increase for the Year, 1913		873

Fraternally submitted,

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN.

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I submit hereunder the report of your Librarian for the past year, during which period the following donations have been received and added to Grand Lodge Library:—

CLOTH BOUND PROCEEDINGS

Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
" " " Connecticut.
" " " Colorado.

Grand Lodge of Delaware.
" " " Georgia
" " " Illinois.
" " " Iowa.
" " " Kentucky.
" " " Nebraska.
" " " North Carolina.
" " " New York.
" " " New Zealand.
" " " Ohio.
" " " Oklahoma.
" " " Oregon.
" " " Tennessee.
" " " Virginia.

COPIES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ALL RECOGNIZED GRAND LODGES

Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York, 33 Degree.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS, ETC.

Laws of Masonry, Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1913.

Origin of Free Masonry, by E. T. Schultz, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Mission of Masonry, by Jos. F. Newton, Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The Ministry of Masonry, by Jos. F. Newton, Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Miscellany of Iowa Masonic Library, Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The Story of Irish Free Masonry, by J. H. Edge, Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Free Masonry in the Province of Manitoba, by Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Souvenir of Masonic Veterans' Association, Washington, D.C.

Report of the Masonic Relief Association.

Roster, Grand Lodge of California, 1913.

Masonic Year Book, 1913, Grand Lodge of England.

Masonic Year Book, 1913, Grand Lodge, Alpina.

Proceedings of International Congress at Rome, 1913.

Washington Masonic Code 1913

These numerous volumes are of great interest and value in the foundation of our Library for which we hope efforts will soon be made to find a home. Our most hearty thanks are extended to the numerous contributors who, in remembering this Grand Lodge in the distribution of their gifts, are adding greatly to the mass of valuable and instructive literature for future Library use.

Fraternally submitted,

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Duff (18): "That the report of the Grand Librarian be referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge

Moneys received between February 1st, 1913, and January 31st, 1914

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River	$ 320 55		Bt. forward	$4,694 28
2.	Medicine Hat	190 00	38.	Hope	43 25
3.	Alberta	48 00	39.	Lethbridge	122 50
4.	North Star	345 80	40.	Joppa	9 50
5.	Cascade	157 00	41.	King Solomon	35 00
6.	Spitzie	104 25	42.	Bowden	30 12
7.	Edmonton	220 75	43.	Tuscan	60 65
8.	Innisfail	146 85	44.	Buffalo Park	56 00
9.	Perfection	305 50	45.	Ionic	48 15
10.	Eureka	91 70	46.	Palestine	30 60
11.	Acacia	156 45	47.	Chinook	38 15
12.	Red Deer	91 75	48.	Crossfield	107 75
13.	Victoria	69 55	49.	Robert Burns	75 90
14.	Jasper	217 15	50.	Comet	28 90
15.	Wetaskiwin	59 90	51.	Unity	519 00
16.	Mountain View	100 80	52.	Langdon	82 65
17.	Nanton	61 65	53.	Strathmore	158 00
18.	Britannia	117 90	54.	Mt. Lebanon	212 75
19.	Cornerstone	102 40	55.	Bassano	262 60
20.	Carstairs	64 95	56.	Beaver	65 50
21.	King Hiram	35 25	57.	Grassy Lake	40 10
22.	Corinthian	196 05	58.	Chief Mountain	54 25
23.	Calgary	242 60	59.	King George	417 15
24.	Vermilion	80 05	60.	Acme	20
25.	St. John	84 90	61.	Provost	49 90
26.	Sentinel	183 53	62.	Coal	17 50
27.	Apollo	90 65	63.	Empire	278 95
28.	Ashlar	212 60	64.	Bow Island	42 60
29.	Kenilworth	119 50	65.	Diamond City	65 60
30.	Summit	33 65	66.	St. Andrew	55 75
31.	Doric	56 35	67.	Charity	60 70
32.	Cairo	42 80	68.	Edson	215 70
33.	Stavely	102 00	69.	Connaught	118 60
34.	Star of West	37 10	70.	Quarry	146 70
35.	Mizpah	71 25	71.	Tawatinaw	111 00
36.	Gleichen	55 25	72.	Coronation	13 75
37.	Camrose	77 85	73.	Brooks	153 85
	Forward	$4,694 28		Forward	$8,523 55

Bt. forward	$8,523 55	Bt. forward	$9,287 70
74. Vulcan	151 35	U.D. Commercial	85 90
75. Harmony	131 45	U.D. Acadia	25 00
U.D. Champion	34 25	U.D. Zetland	88 90
U.D. Strathcona	208 65	U.D. Suffield	25 00
U.D. Hanna	94 45	Sundry Accounts	53 80
U.D. Morning Star	59 00	District No. 9	58 75
U.D. Excelsior	85 00	A.M.H. & S. Fund	1,417 55
Forward	$9,287 70	Total	$11,042 60

Donations and receipts, Albert Masonic Home and School Fund.

Chief Mountain No. 58	$ 6 15
Interest, Pyne Mortgage	64 00
Principal, Pyne Mortgage	1,000 00
Interest, J. T. Macdonald Mtg.	120 00
Interest, Pyn Mtg.	24 00
Interest, J. T. Macdonald Mtg.	120 00
Chinook No. 47	1 35
Interest, Savings Bank	82 05
Total	$1,417 55

GEO. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Certified correct:

T. F. ENGLISH,
W. ZWIENER,
Auditors.

CASH STATEMENT

Monies received by the Grand Secretary from February 1st, 1913, to January 31st, 1914, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer:—

1913-14 Dr.

Feb. 1, 1913—To cash on hand	$ 25 00	
Jan. 31, 1914—To receipts, 1914	11,042 60	
		$11,067 60

1913 Cr.

Feb. 18—By Grand Treasurer, General Fund	$ 760 30		
Mar. 22— " " " "	20 35		
April 15— " " " "	560 60		
April 30— " " " "	197 95		
May 19— " " " "	231 60		
June 16— " " " "	196 95		
July 5— " " " "	623 83		
July 25— " " " "	1,270 40		
July 31— " " " "	817 35		
Oct. 6— " " " "	954 75		
Dec. 8— " " " "	520 65		
1914			
Jan. 13— " " " "	964 95		
Jan. 26— " " " "	903 55		
Jan. 30— " " " "	855 47		
Jan. 31— " " " "	539 20		
1913			
April 15—By Grand Treasurer, A.M.H. & S. Fund	6 15		
June 16— " " " "	1,064 00		
Aug. 1— " " " "	120 00		
1914			
Jan. 13— " " " "	144 00		
Jan. 30— " " " "	1 35		
By Interest, June, 1913	31 03		
By Interest, Dec., 1913	51 02		
		$10,835 45	
Cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 1914	232 15		
			$11,067 60

G. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified correct:
T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

No. Order. In Whose Favor Drawn	Amount
1—Linton Bros., Office Sundries	$0 40
2—Office Specialty Co., Card Cabinets	83 90
3—Star Printing Co., Printing Stock	27 50
4—Calgary Bookbinding Co., Mailing Tubes	3 50
5—J. D. McAra, Printing Supplies, Stock	9 50
6—T. W. Taylor Co., Printing Registers	28 00
7—Bank of Nova Scotia, Draft Rugg Co. Ceremonials	590 00
8—Gr. Secretary, Postage, Express, Exchange & Salary	161 70
9—Grand Secretary, Rent Account, 1912	300 00
10—T. G. Whithier, Grant Benevolent Committee	180 00
11—City Cartage Co., Cartage Account	2 50
12—Linton Bros., Office Sundries	7 30
13—T. W. Taylor Co., Printing Ledgers	89 00
14—Star Printing Co., Printing Dimit Forms	13 75
15—Young & Kennedy, Stencil Paper	5 00
16—R. Patterson, Grand Master's Expenses	67 50
17—Henry E. Kent Engrossing 2 Charters	6 00
18—Grand Secretary, Salary, Express, Postage, Exchange & R. Harrison	173 00
19—Pantagraph Printing & Staty. Co., 75 List Regular Lodges	33 46
20—Linton Bros., Mimeograph Ink	2 75
21—Grand Secretary, Postage, P.O. Box & Salary	158 00
22—Linton Bros., Account Stock Sundries	10 50
23—Dominion Regalia Co., P.G.M. Collar & Jewel	30 80
24—J. H. Dickinson Rubber Stamp	60
25—T. W. Taylor Co., Minute Books	86 50
26—B. Herdman, Special Typewriting	25 00
27—Star Printing Co., Stock Printing	28 25
28 Remington Typewriter Co., Supplies	10 50
29—Masonic Relief Assn., Annual Subscription	25 83
30—Grand Secretary, Salary, Express, Freight, Cartage & Exchange	163 75
31—Star Printing Co., Sundry Stock Printing	27 25
32—Copp Clark Co., Master Masons' Certificates	400 00
33—J. D. McAra, Stock Printing	16 75
34—Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia P.D.D.G.M. District No. 9	57 35
35—T. W. Taylor Co., Lodge Books	147 50
36—Harry E. Kent, Engrossing 10 Charters	30 00
37—Grand Secretary, Expense Account and Salary	234 45
38—Brewster Transfer Co., Grand Lodge Entertainment Account	159 30
Forward	$3,397 09

Brought forward	$3,397	09
39—R. H. Finch, Grand Tyler's Account	14	00
40—Robert Patterson, Grand Master's Expenses	65	00
41—City Cartage Co., Cartage		75
42—Walter Ramsey, Wreath M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop	20	00
43—J. D. McAra, Stock Printing	17	80
44—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Account	211	40
45—Mrs. A. D. McKillop, G. L. Grant	150	00
46—Star Printing Co., G. L. Printing	15	50
47—Star Printing Co., Printing Proceedings, 1913	832	00
48—Dickinson, The Stamp Man, Numbering Machine	6	50
49—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Account	168	35
50—Star Printing Co., Forwarding Proceedings	30	36
51—S. J. Blair, Grand Master, Expense Account	132	00
52—Grand Secretary, Salary and Expense Account	160	15
53—Linton Bros., Wrapping Paper	3	60
54—Office Specialty Co., Stock, Card Supplies, etc.	68	85
55—Grand Secretary, Salary Account	150	00
56—Linton Bros, Typing Paper	2	30
57—Grand Secretary, Office Expense and Salary	164	65
58—Star Printing Co., Stock Printing	11	65
59—Canada Fine Art Co., Cards	50	00
60—Grand Secretary, Salary Account	200	00
61—Star Printing Co., Stock Printing	6	75
62—Grand Secretary, Expense and Salary Account	208	25
Bank Account, Cheque King George, No. 59, charged back	51	00
Total Expenditures	$6,137	95

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

LEDGER ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING.

January 31st, 1914.

Sundry Accounts	$30 50	Bt. forward	$1,573 75
District No. 7	58 55	Ionic, No. 45	70 60
Medicine Hat, No. 2	130 50	Palestine, No. 46 and Dec. dues.	22 10
Alberta, No. 3	90 85	Crossfield, No. 48	2 55
Cascade, No. 5	32 75	Robert Burns, No. 49 and Dec. dues.	85 15
Edmonton, No. 7	126 60	Comet, No. 50	59 60
Perfection, No. 9	199 65	Langdon, No. 52	25 00
Eureka, No. 10	33 65	Bassano, No. 55	42 15
Red Deer, No. 12	92 60	Beaver, No. 56	22 40
Victoria, No. 13	28 80	Grassy Lake, No. 57	41 50
Jasper, No. 14	78 60	Chief Mountain, No. 58	95 80
Wetaskiwin, No. 15	19 50	Acme, No. 60	187 55
Mountain View, No. 16	11 25	Provost, No. 61	132 45
King Hiram, No. 21	8 00	Coal, No. 62	60 10
St. John, No. 25	18 75	Bow Island, No 64	103 20
Sentinel, No. 26	87 00	Diamond City, No. 65	23 25
Apollo, No. 27	15	St. Andrew, No. 66	76 45
Summit, No. 30	70 70	Charity, No 67	9 10
Doric, No. 31	28 00	Tawatinaw, No. 71	35 25
Cairo, No. 32	16 50	Coronation, No. 72	99 70
Star of West, No. 34	7 75	Brooks, No. 73	1 15
Mizpah, No. 35	94 30	Fidelity, U.D.	115 00
Gleichen, No. 36	21 00	Champion, U.D.	54 90
Camrose, No. 37	54 65	Strathcona, U.D.	1 90
Lethbridge, No. 39	49 70	Morning Star, U.D.	20 15
Joppa, No. 40	38 25	Acacia, U.D.	48 70
King Solomon, No. 41	28 85		
Bowden, No. 42	62 25		
Buffalo Park, No. 44	54 10		
Forward	$1.573 75		$3,009 45

CREDIT BALANCES.

Credit Balances, January 31st, 1914.

Sundry Accounts	$6 65	Bt. forward	9 90
District No. 9	10	Spitzie, No. 6	75
Bow River, No. 1	3 00	Innisfail, No. 8	26
North Star No. 4	15	Acacia, No. 11	25
Forward	9 90	Forward	11 16

Bt. forward -----	11	16	Bt. forward -------	12	31
Britannia, No. 18 ------		25	Strathmore, No. 53 ----	1	15
Cornerstone, No. 19 --		30	Connaught, No. 69 ----	3	25
Carstairs, No. 20 ------		15	Quarry, No. 70 --------	3	75
Vermilion, No. 24 -----		15	Vulcan, No. 74 --------	8	15
Kenilworth, No. 29 ----		15	Zetland, U.D. ---------	2	00
Hope, No. 38 ---------		15	Suffield, U.D. ---------	25	00
Forward --------	12	31		$55	61

A further outstanding is composed of returns of Palestine Lodge No. 46, and Robert Burns Lodge, No. 49, covering half-year ending 27th December, 1913.

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:

T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

Statement of Cash received between February 1st and March 31st, 1914.

No.				No.			
2.	Medicine Hat ----	$128	50		Bt. forward -----	948	60
5.	Cascade ----------	135	75	30.	Summit ----------	12	65
7.	Edmonton -------	113	00	31.	Doric -----------	28	00
9.	Perfection -------	146	25	34.	Star of West ----	7	85
10.	Eureka ----------	37	00	35.	Mizpah ----------	90	40
11.	Acacia ----------	48	70	36.	Gleichen ---------	41	15
12.	Red Deer --------	92	80	37.	Camrose ---------	22	95
13.	Victoria ----------	33	30	39.	Lethbridge -------	99	70
14.	Jasper ----------	78	90	40.	Joppa -----------	31	90
15.	Wetaskiwin ------	19	50	44.	Buffalo Park -----	54	35
16.	Mountain View ---	11	25	48.	Crossfield --------	2	30
23.	Calgary ----------	10	00	50.	Comet -----------	63	60
24.	Vermilion --------	13	00	51.	Unity -----------	41	40
26.	Sentinel ----------	80	65	52.	Langdon ---------	25	00
	Forward --------	948	60		Forward --------	$1,469	85

	Bt. forward	$1,469 85		Bt. forward	$1,774 80
55.	Bassano	46 15	71.	Tawatinaw	32 50
56.	Palestine	22 70	72.	Coronation	52 25
57.	Grassy Lake	8 75		U.D. Fidelity	61 00
58.	Chief Mountain	14 25		U.D. Morning Star	27 65
61.	Provost	75 50		U.D. Excelsior	40
63.	Empire	18 75		U.D. Rocky Mountain	25 00
64.	Bow Island	98 20		Sundry Accounts	2 75
65.	Diamond City	11 25		District No. 2	58 40
67.	Charity	9 40			
	Forward	$1,774 80			$2,034 75

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:
T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From February 1st, 1913, to January 31st, 1914.

Dues	$3,093 25
Initiations	1,424 00
M.M. Certificates	1,226 00
P.M. Certificates	57 00
L.M. Certificates	21 00
L.M. Fees	105 00
Charters	490 00
Dispensations	481 00
Stock Supplies	2,454 95
Sundry Fines and Exchange	272 85
Home and School Fund, Donations	7 50
" " Account Principle	1,000 00
" " Interest Bank	82 05
" " Interest Mortgages	328 00
Total Cash Receipts	$11,042 60

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

January 1st, 1913, to December 31st, 1913.

Books and Stationery	$1,648 75
Expense Account	669 31
Rent Account	300 00
Salaries Account	2,000 00
Freight, Express, Cartage, Postage, ect.	132 45
Printing, Sundry	969 29
Regalia Account	88 15
Benevolence and Special Grant	330 00
Total Expenditures	$6,137 95

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, A.M.H. and S.

Mortgage, R. A. Pyne, bearing interest at 8%	$600 00
Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing interest at 8%	3,000 00
Total	$3,600 00

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:
T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

INVENTORY OF STOCK

January 31st, 1914.

Books and Stationery.

Minute Books	15	51 90
Ledgers	14	49 84
Registers	2	4 96
Historical Registers	16	48 00
Secretary Cash Books	15	22 50
Blank Book	22	30 80
Treasurer Cash Book	12	13 44
Cert. Elective Officers	35	0 35
Cert. Appointed Officers	50	56 00
Forward		277 79

Bt. forward		277	79
Cert. Grand Representative	25		40
Cert. D.D.G.M.	34		26
Order Grand Treasurer	2	1	00
Disp. New Lodge	12		10
Disp. General	700	2	10
Disp. Regalia	200	1	60
Agreements	300		75
Return Forms	1,600	9	60
Card Cabinets	20	90	00
Cards	22,000	165	00
Pet. New Lodge	80	3	20
Dimits	1,000	20	00
Account Forms	1,000	7	52
Pet. Initiation	2,098	11	53
Ref. Initiation	2,100	11	56
Pet. Affiliation	1,120	7	16
Ref. Affiliations	2,200	14	20
Rejections	780	4	29
Susp. N.P.D.	524	2	88
Rest. N.P.D.	300	1	65
Delinquent Dues	900	5	05
Susp. U.M.C.	700	3	85
Rest. U.M.C.	700	3	85
Cert. Standing	400	8	00
D.D.G.M. Returns	150	13	50
Ledger Statements	800	6	80
Receipt Blanks	400	2	00
Notices New Lodges	200	1	00
Cert. Installation	400	6	00
Proxy	2,000	8	60
Order on Treasurer	20	8	00
Receipt for Dues	20	8	00
Ballots	1,000	17	00
Envelopes, small	5,000	16	75
Envelopes, medium	1,000	6	50
Envelopes, large	1,000	9	50
Letter Heads	2,000	12	00
Price Lists	40		48
Gum Slips	150		37
Seals, blue	125		55
Seals, white	110		35
Lodge Circulars	4,100	24	60
Visitor's Cards	900	2	61
Visitor's Notices	900	2	56
Forward			$800 51

Brought forward			800 51
Constitutions, etc.			
Constitutions	1,910	744 90	
Ceremonials	380	251 30	
Combined Const. and Cer.	167	272 21	
Manual, York	262	720 50	
Inst. Master Cer.	10	3 00	
G. L. Ceremony	10	3 50	
By-laws	1,100	54 00	
			$2,049 41
Certificates.			
M.M. Certificates	550	220 00	
P.M. Certificates	600	24 00	
L.M. Certificates	50	3 00	
Charters	12	36 00	
			$283 00
Office Furniture.			
Furniture		133 55	
Cabinet and Records		208 60	
Plate M.M. Certificates		220 00	
Numbering Machine		6 00	
Transfer Cases		23 20	
Typewriter		120 00	
Mimeograph		52 50	
Seal Press		17 00	
Letter Press		7 00	
Trunk		21 50	
Postage Stamps		2 80	
Sundry Stationery		36 40	
3 Loose Leaf Binders		27 00	
			$875 55
Regalia.			
G.L. Regalia, $765 25, less depreciation 5%			$726 99
			$4,735 46

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Certified Correct:
T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

LOSS AND GAIN—January 31st, 1914.

Total Cash Receipts	$11,042 60	
Less		
Total Cash Disbursements	6,137 95	
Net Gain, Cash	$4,904 65	
Cash Balance, January 31st, 1913		$3,841 01
Cash, Net Gain, January 31st, 1914		4,904 65
Total Cash, January 31st, 1914		$8,745 66
Above apportioned as follows:—		
General Fund, Cash on hand	$232 15	
General Fund, Bank Balance	4,920 06	
A.M.H. & S. Fund, Bank Account	3,593 45	
		$8,745 66

BALANCE SHEET- January 31st, 1914.

Assets.

Books and Stationery	$800 51
Constitutions, etc.	2,049 41
Certificates	283 00
Office Furniture	875 55
Regalia	726 99
Ledger Account Debit	3,009 45
Cash on Hand	232 15
Current Account Cash	4,920 06
A.M.H. & S. Account Cash	3,593 45
Investment Account, Mortgages	3,600 00
	$20,090 57

Liabilities.

Ledger Accounts, credit	55 61
Present Worth, January 31st, 1914	20,034 96
Present Worth, January 31st, 1913	17,957 59
Increase during year	$2,077 37

Certified Correct:
T. F. English,
W. Zwiener,
Auditors.

Geo. Macdonald,
Grand Secretary.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. M M. Downey (53), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Dugg (16): "That the report of the Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report and that the financial statement be referred to the Finance Committee."

PLACE OF MEETING.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), seconded by R.W. Bro. A T. Stephenson (12): "That Grand Lodge hold its next Annual Communication at Red Deer."

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers, M.W. Bro Thos. McNabb (4), M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), and R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin (1),

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren.—

Your Committee on Credentials report that they find the representation as follows.—

156 present; 69 Lodges represented; 14 not represented Giving a total vote of 271 votes

W Bro Dunning, a Past Master of Beaver Lodge No. 56, carried proxies for Beaver Lodge, No 56, and Coronation Lodge, No 72 We refused to grant him votes on his proxy from Coronation Lodge.

Detailed statement of votes are as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Bow River	1	1	1	6		9
2	Medicine Hat	1	1	1	2		5
3	Alberta				2	3	5
4	North Star	3			2		5
5	Cascade	2		1	2		5
6	Spitzie	3			4		7
7	Edmonton	1	1	1	5		8
8	Innisfail				1	3	4
9	Perfection	3			2		5
10	Eureka	3					3

No	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W	J W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
11	Acacia	3			1		4
12	Red Deer				1	3	4
13	Victoria	3					3
14	Jasper		3		2		5
15	Wetaskiwin				2		2
16	Mountain View				1		1
17	Nanton		3				3
18	Britannia	2	1		2		5
19	Cornerstone	3					3
20	Carstairs	3			1		4
22	Corinthian	3			1		4
23	Calgary	2		1	2		5
24	Vermilion				1	3	4
25	St. John				1	3	4
26	Sentinel	3			2		5
27	Apollo	3					3
28	Ashlar	3			3		6
29	Kenilworth				1	3	4
30	Summit				1	3	4
31	Doric				1	3	4
33	Stavely	1	1	1	1		4
34	Star of the West	3			2		5
35	Mizpah	1	1	1	1		4
36	Gleichen	1	1	1	1		4
37	Camrose	3			1		4
39	Lethbridge				2	3	5
40	Joppa		1		1	3	4
41	King Solomon		3		1		4
43	Tuscan	3					3
45	Ionic				1	3	4
47	Chinook	2	1		1		4
48	Crossfield	2	1		1		4
49	Robert Burns	2		1			3
50	Comet	3					3
51	Unity			3			3
52	Langdon			3			3
53	Strathmore			3	2		5
54	Mt. Lebanon				1	3	4
55	Bassano				1	3	4
56	Beaver				1	3	4
58	Chief Mountain	3					3
59	King George	3					3
61	Provost				1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
63	Empire	3					3
64	Bow Island	2		1			3
65	Diamond City				1	3	4
67	Charity		3				3
68	Edson	2	1				3
70	Quarry	3					3
71	Tawatinaw	3					3
73	Brooks	3					3
75	Harmony	3					3
76	Fidelity	1	1	1			3
77	Strathcona	3					3
78	Hanna		3				3
79	Morning Star	3					3
80	Excelsior	3					3
81	Commercial	2	1				3
83	Zetland	2		1	1		4
							271

Fraternally submitted,

J. WATSON YOUNGE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, (57), seconded by V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1): "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be adopted."

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The election for Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

R.W. Bro. Judge J. A Jackson (18), Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (7), Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. W. M. Commacher (9), Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), re-elected Grand Treasurer.
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), re-elected Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Stocken (36), re-elected Grand Chaplain.
And by open vote on Grand Lodge, R.W. Bro. R. C. Bruce (54), was elected Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following Brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:—

R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), First Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray (2), Second Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. T. M Turnbull (7), Third Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer (10), Fourth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. John Wilson (61), Fifth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins (33), Sixth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55), Seventh Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. A. R. Dempster (6), Eighth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. S. H. Riggs (27), Ninth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24), Tenth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. J. T. Graham (39), Eleventh Masonic District.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The following Brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:—

R.W. Bro J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Cowley.
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), Calgary.
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2), Calgary.
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12), Red Deer.

These replacing the following Brethren whose term of office has expired:—

R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary
R.W. Bro. W. G Lowry (34), Leduc.
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12), Red Deer.
R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22), Okotoks.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Banff, May 27th, 1914

To the M.W. Grand Master and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The Board of General Purposes reports that it met at Banff on May 29th, 1913, at which meeting the appointment of members to the several sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

The Board again met at Banff on May 26th, 1914, when the several matters requiring attention were distributed to the various committees concerned with the same. These several matters will appear in the reports as presented by the sub-committees and which have been adopted by the Board.

With reference to proposed conference of the four Western Grand Lodges, your Board endorses the purpose of the suggestion made by M.W Bro. Baker, and recommend that this Grand Lodge co-operate with the other Grand Lodges interested in the furtherance of the object referred to.

Re matter of request from Finance Committee of Bow River Lodge, your Board is not in favor of it and recommend that it be refused.

The Board recommend that the traveling and hotel expenses of the members attending the special meeting held in Calgary on 5th August last be paid.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. JACKSON,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by W. Bro. S. Houlton (28): "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence report:—

Re letter to the M.W. Grand Master from Champion Lodge re E. W. Paitson, an applicant for Masonry. This man wears an artificial leg, which allows him to kneel, therefore we are of opinion that this is a case for the favorable consideration of Grand Lodge.

Re case of Bro. L. E. McFarlane, we do not consider that we can do anything until we know what is the action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
Chairman.

Resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7). seconded by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4): "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on Grievances and Appeals beg permission to report as follows:—

1. In the matter of fines for neglect to remit returns to the Grand Secretary promptly, the two Lodges involved were under obligation and must remit full amount in each case. We would recommend that an amount equivalent to fines involved be then credited to these two Lodges.

2. In the matter of the recommendation of your committee on Benevolence that $200 be paid out of Grand Lodge funds to Mrs. Slater; we recommend that this be done.

3. In the matter of appeal from Chief Mountain Lodge. Cardston, for relief from part at least of their obligation to Grand Lodge ($72.85) there would appear to be justice in their petition, since this is one of the cases where the brothers in the Lodge are making the most of their opportunities but same are limited.

4. In the matter of invasion of territory of Cascade Lodge, No. 5, by King Solomon Lodge, No. 41, we have gone very carefully over all papers and correspondence relative to the same, and beg leave to report as follows: We find that King Solomon Lodge did so invade territory of Cascade Lodge in receiving applications of Bros. Scott and Stobart of Exshaw. Also that King Solomon

Lodge violated the constitution in receiving reports of committees and ballotting as they did. We believe, however, that both King Solomon Lodge and the applicants had no intention of doing wrong. These two brothers are and always have been, since their initiation, members of King Solomon Lodge, and have a right to their promotion. No Lodge has a right to object to this in any way other than by specific charges in writing to King Solomon Lodge. Nothing of this kind has been done. The M.W. the Grand Master has faithfully and earnestly reprimanded King Solomon Lodge for their offences, all of which is acknowledged by King Solomon Lodge in becoming form and we would recommend that the moneys now in the hands of the Grand Secretary from this situation be returned to King Solomon Lodge in full. We feel sure that dispassionate judgment by Cascade Lodge will concur in this disposition of the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted. On behalf of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. H. Darling (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe (23): "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your committee on the Condition of Masonry beg to report as follows:—

That we have examined the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts and find that Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction continues to be of the same prosperous nature which has characterized masonry since the inception of

Grand Lodge. The lodges as a whole show a good financial standing, maintaining a healthy increase in membership, with excellent prospects for the future. The outstanding dues in some lodges are more than a healthy condition should show. We would recommend that the District Deputy Grand Masters be instructed to see that the by-laws of Lodges be carried out in respect to suspension for non-payment of dues.

This committee notes the increase in insurance, but find there is still room for improvement. One lodge suffering from fire three times with a total loss twice We are glad to see that Lodges of Instruction were held in the several Districts.

We find that the average attendance of the country lodges to be higher than the City Lodges.

Your Committee has much pleasure in recommending the following Brethren for the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master:—

R.W. Bro. J. M. Empey, District No. 1.
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart, District No. 2.
R.W. Bro. W. G. Congdon, District No. 3.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Dickinson, District No. 4.
R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, District No 5.
R.W. Bro. D. J McDiarmid, District No. 6.
R.W. Bro. Thos. Crawford, District No. 7.
R.W. Bro. H. A Gunn, District No. 8.
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, District No. 9.
R.W. Bro. N S. Kenny, District No. 10.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. JACKSON, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by R.W. Bro. M M. Downey (53), "That the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence are pleased to report that the cordial and fraternal relations which

have existed between Sister Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Alberta in former years, continues undisturbed.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from R.W. Bro H. G Perkins of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico F & A. M requesting that recognition be granted to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and that an exchange of Representatives between the two Grand Bodies be arranged.

Your committee recommends that this application for fraternal recognition be laid over for further consideration at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

We submit herewith a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and request that the same be printed in the Annual Proceedings as an appendix thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by V.W Bro. H. W Ireland (2): "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6.30 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock a.m. Thursday.

Second Day ... Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor on Thursday, May 28th, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, G.M., Grand Officers, Representatives and Members.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F & A. M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethern:—

The usual financial statements are presented herewith.

These statements show very considerable progress during the past year and our finances to be in excellent shape. A surplus of $20,034 being shown.

The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been carefully audited, and all accounts paid have been inspected and approved by your Committee.

We recommend that the sum of $500 be transferred to the Masonic Home and School Fund when the cash balance on hand permits of such a withdrawal.

We recommend acceptance of tender of Star Printing Works.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. CONNACHER,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2): "That the report of the Committee on Finance be adopted as read."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that we have had only one application for charity during the past year.

This application was investigated by your Committee and a grant of $200 authorized.

Your Committee recommends a grant of $150 to Mrs. Dawson, widow of our late brother M. V. F. Dawson, who is in very needy circumstances.

Fraternally submitted,
J. T. MACDONALD, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We regret to report that only two donations were received during the past year for this fund from Lodges:—

Chief Mountain, No. 58	$6.15
Chinook, No. 47	1.35
	$7.50

These donations with interest payments of $410.05, and a mortgage of $1,0000 repaid, makes a total addition of $1,417.55 to the fund for the past year.

The total amount at the credit of the fund is now $7,193.45.

Fraternally submitted,
J. T. MACDONALD, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the reports of the Committee on Benevolence and Home and School Fund be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES.

Banff, 27th May, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges begs to report as follows:—

We have examined the books of Lodges under Dispensation and recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges:

Zetland, located at Calgary, First Masonic District.

Commercial, located at Edmonton, Third Masonic District.

Strathcona, located at Edmonton South, Third Masonic District.

Morning Star, located at Lougheed, Fifth Masonic District.

Excelsior, located at Strome, Fifth Masonic District.

Fidelity, located at Bashaw, Ninth Masonic District.

Acadia, located at Youngstown, Ninth Masonic District.

Hanna, located at Hanna, Ninth Masonic District.

Your Committee would also recommend that the dispensations of the following Lodges be continued for another year:—

Suffield, located at Suffield.

Rocky Mountain, located at Blairmore.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends that the case of Champion Lodge, located at Champion in Second Masonic District be referred to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. BISHOP, Chairman

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart: "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We beg to report re the M.W. Grand Master's Address

We note with pleasure the fact that the M.W. Grand Master visited every subordinate lodge in his jurisdiction during his term of office An unparalled record in the history of our Grand Lodge, which necessarily incurred much labor and effort on his part. Your Committee feels that the time has come when the Grand Master should not feel obliged to visit every Lodge, and would suggest that one or two visits in a District should be sufficient, and get all Lodges near to attend at the most central place as a Lodge of Instruction.

We are pleased to note the increase in the District Lodges of Instruction and heartily concur with the M.W. Grand Master that they are and will be a source of great benefit to the craft, and strongly recommend that this important matter be kept before the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various Districts.

We note the recommendation of the M.W Grand Master for the incorporation of Subordinate Lodges and believe it would accrue to their benefit if adopted.

We entirely agree with the recommendation of the M W Grand Master for fraternal visits to neighboring Grand Lodges. It is decidedly worthy of adoption

We note your suggestion as to the social hour with Ladies after the closing of the Lodge and heartily approve of it. We commend your decision re Cascade and King Solomon Lodges

Recommendation re regalia: We heartily endorse also that with regard to our deceased Brethren. May we note that M.W. Brother Dunlop assisted not only at the start of our Grand Lodge, but also at that of our Mother Grand Lodge.

We beg to endorse your recommendation as to $50 for King Hiram and Acme Lodges

We heartily approve of the re-distribution as put down by you, and believe this will greatly facilitate the work.

Your wishes as to Lodges acquiring property in their localities is decidedly in the right direction.

We heartily agree with your remarks as to election of District Deputy Grand Masters, and finally we are pleased to find the Craft in such a healthy condition as to progress and increase.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Banff, May 26th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report have great pleasure in noting that the past year has been one of prosperous advancement for the Craft in Alberta.

The increase in numbers, both of Lodges and Membership, showing the indiminished zeal and energy of the Brethren, whilst the number of new members indicates the high estimation in which the Craft is held by those without the pale, which again reflects most creditably on the membership of the Order.

It is of special interest to notice that the Grand Master was able to personally constitute every Lodge from Athabasca Landing in the north of Lethbridge in the south, whose charters were granted at the last Annual Communication.

The increase in our Lodges and membership has entailed a heavy addition to the labors of Grand Secretary, whose work, has always been completed to the smallest detail in his usual concise and perfect manner, contributing in no small degree to the prosperity and well being of the Craft. We have now 6,039 members in 86 Lodges, 616 M.M. Certificates being completed and issued during the year. The work hitherto has been done single-handed and in the most efficient way. The Committee would recommend that the sum of $200 be allowed the Grand Secretary for his office assistance.

We regret exceedingly to find that two Lodges have suffered loss by fire, one of these, Acme No. 60, had a similar disaster only a little over a year ago, and this time their insurance had only elapsed two days before the fire. As records of importance to the Craft are often lost forever in accidents of this kind, every Secretary should endeavour to secure a safe for our books and papers.

We desire to record our warm approval of the manner in which the Lodge returns have come in, for the first time the Grand Secretary has been able to express his gratification at the promptness with which the Lodge has made their returns and the care with which they were compiled This has in great measure assisted the Grand Secretary in his work, and it is to be hoped that W.M.'s and Secretaries will maintain the record thus made.

We have carefully gone over the financial portion of report and find the affairs of the Craft in this Jurisdiction to be in a most satisfactory state.

We recommend that 1200 copies of the Proceedings of this Communication be printed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. KEMMIS,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. Kemmis (6), seconded by R.W. Bro. J A. Jackson (18): "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Banff, May 27th, 1914.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and
Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Report of the Grand Librarian reviewing the same, note with appreciation the value of Masonic Works and Reports contributed by our Sister Grand Lodges, making

welcome additions to our already valuable collection. The value of these cannot be estimated for their future benefit to the Craft.

Our Grand Secretary has doubtless acknowledged receipt of same.

Fraternally submitted,

T. McNABB,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35): "That the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

Banff, May 27th, 1914

To the M.W. Grand Master and
Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit the report of your Committee on Fraternal Dead as follows:—

Thirty-seven Brethren, members of twenty-three Lodges in this Jurisdiction, have been called from their labors here on earth to eternal paradise in the Grand Lodge above, and these include M.W. Bro James J. Dunlop, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, a faithful Mason, who devoted himself conscientiously to his duties when in office, and by his kindly, genial ways, his sunny disposition and sweet lovable character, endeared himself to all who knew him. Included also among the departed Brethren we must mention Bro. Robert Henry Finch, Grand Tyler, who died on the 10th instant, and while this report was being drafted Brother Finch was a veteran of the Indian Mutiny, and if he served his country as faithfully as he tyled his Grand Lodge, his three score years and ten were indeed well spent. We extend our sincere sympathies to the bereaved ones who are left behind.

In the United States of America thirteen Grand Lodges mourn the loss of eighteen esteemed Brethren, included among whom are the following Most Worshipful Brethren:—

Herbert Brown, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona; Styles T. Rowe, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of Illinois; John W. Landrum, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; Charles E. Sweet, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; Francis D. Clarke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; W. M. Conner, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi; E. F. Allen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; G. W. Monroe, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana; Samuel W Hayes, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; N. M. Ayers, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; James W. Irwin, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; and Reuben M. Page, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge of Mexico mourns the loss of its Grand Junior Warden.

All the above mentioned losses to the Craft should remind us that life is but a span long, and that the longer we live the quicker time seems to fly. Let us then, as good and true Masons, endeavor to do our duty here on earth while there is yet time.

We respectfully recommend that memorial pages be inserted in the printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge and inscribed to the Honored Dead of our Sister and our own Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

E. D. H. WILKINS,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), seconded by W. Bro D Sutherland (37): "That the report of the Committee be adopted as read."

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Banff, Alberta, May 27th, 1914.

To the M W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Auditors beg to report that we have carefully audited the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, have compared the entries therein with the proper vouchers, have verified the cash balance and all other assets and securities, and find them correct.

It is with pleasure that we record the neatness and correctness in which our Grand Lodge books are kept, particularly the books and accounts of our Grand Secretary.

Fraternally yours,

WALLACE ZWIENER,
Auditor.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro J. A. Jackson (18), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28): "That the report of the Audit Committee be adopted."

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FORMS.

The Special Committee appointed to revise the forms of applications for initiation and affiliation, and the report of the Investigating Committee thereon, submitted specimen forms to Grand Lodge, which forms, after free and full discussion, were adopted on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), and R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24).

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 1 o'clock p.m. to be resumed at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Second Day ... Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Lodge resumed Labor at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W Bro. S. J Blair, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Representatives and Members.

MOTIONS.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), seconded by V.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol (43): "That the Dispensation of Champion Lodge be continued."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by W. Bro. A. V. Bilton (23): "That hereafter the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting of Grand Lodge, and be printed for distribution, and that the District Deputy Grand Masters read in Grand Lodge only a summary of their respective reports."

In consideration of notice of motion by W. Bro. J. D. MacEdward (14), re revision of Burial Service, it was resolved, on motion of Bro. R. V. Bellamy (14), seconded by W. Bro. T. H. Wilson (63): "That the M.W. Grand Master appoint a committee to revise the present Burial Service or submit a new one for the consideration at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24): "That the new forms of petition of candidates and reports of investigating committees be used by all Lodges in this Jurisdiction not later than January 1st, 1915."

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. T. H. Wilson (63), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28): "That the old Regalia of the M.W. Grand Master be preserved in the Archives of Grand Lodge and a new Regalia be ordered."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), seconded by W. Bro. J. Jones (39): "That this Grand Lodge donate $150 to the Children's Shelter in the City of Lethbridge."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (22): "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Cascade Lodge No. 5, for the entertainment extended to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge and their ladies at this Communication of Grand Lodge."

NOTICE OF MOTION.

R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), gives notice that he or some Brother on his behalf will move at the next Communication of Grand Lodge: "That section 271 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word SEVEN in the first line thereof and inserting the word FIFTEEN in lieu thereof."

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

R.W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (18), Grand Master-elect, notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

W. Bro. Geo. Hill (28), Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Bro. G. W. Leech (51), Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Bro. Geo. Riach (14), Grand Organist.
W. Bro. D. Hope (1), Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. Geo. Whelen (39), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. R. S. Peecock (48), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. W. J. Craigen (34), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. F. E. Nichol (43), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. D. C. McKenzie (26), Grand Steward.
W. Bro. C. J. La Key (63), Grand Steward
W. Bro. Dr. H. S. Monkman (25), Grand Pursuivant.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers present were then duly installed and appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, retiring Grand Master.

The newly installed Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson addressed the Brethren giving much timely advice and counsel to the Lodge representatives present.

R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and E. T. Bishop also briefly addressed the Brethren.

PRESENTATIONS.

Owing to the absence of M.W. Bro. R. Patterson the presentation of Past Grand Master's Regalia to him was deferred and left in hands of the Grand Master to be completed at his convenience.

The Grand Master then on behalf of Grand Lodge presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W .Bro. Blair, with a set of Past Grand Master's Regalia.

R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge (37), on behalf of the 86 Lodges in the Jurisdiction and in appreciation of the indefatigable work of the retiring Grand Master M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, presented him with a souvenir spoon from each Lodge, suitably engraved for the occasion.

M.W. Bro. Blair very feelingly replied to these kindly acknowledgements of esteem and good will.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Ninth Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5:30 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1914.

M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Ponoka ------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary ------Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Edmonton ----Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary ---Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Calgary --D.D.G.M. No. 1 District
R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray (2), Medicine
Hat ----------D.D.G.M. No. 2 District
R.W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull (7), Edmonton D.D.G.M. No. 3 District
R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer (10), Lacombe --D.D.G.M. No. 4 District
R.W. Bro. John Wilson (61), Provost ----D.D.G.M. No. 5 District
R.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins (33), Staveley --D.D.G.M. No. 6 District
R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55), Bassano--D.D.G.M. No. 7 District
R.W. Bro. A. R. Dempster (6), Pincher--D.D.G.M. No. 8 District
R.W. Bro. S. H. Riggs (27), Stettler----D.D.G.M. No. 9 District
R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24) Vermilion----D.D.G.M. No. 10 District
R.W. Bro. R. T. Graham (39), Lethbridge D.D.G.M. No. 11 District
R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Calgary--------Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary --------Grand Secretary
R.W Bro. J. Elliott (2), Medicine Hat ----------Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Stocken (36), Gleichen------Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Geo. Hill (28), Calgary ----------Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. G. W. Leech (31), Taber ----------Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Geo. Riach (14), Edmonton ----------Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. D. Hope (1), Calgary ----Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. G. Whelen (39), Lethbridge ----------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. S. Peecock (48), Crossfield ----------Grand Steward
V W. Bro. W. J. Craigen (34), Leduc ----------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. F. E. Nichol (43), Killam ----------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. D. C. McKenzie (26), Hillcrest --------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. C. J. Lakey (63), Edmonton ----------Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Dr. H. S. Monkman (25), Vegreville --Grand Pursuivant
R.W. Bro. R. C. Bruce (54), Calgary ----------Grand Tyler

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M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Grand Master----Lethbridge
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ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE

R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23) ----------Calgary
W. Bro. H. Darling (7) ----------Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth (2) ----------Medicine Hat
R.W. Bro. T. Sharpe (23) ----------Calgary
R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson (12) ----------Red Deer
R.W. Bro. J. H. Kemmis (6) ----------Cowley
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53) ----------Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2) ----------Calgary

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Grievance and Appeals—R.W. Bro. J. H. Kemmis (6), chairman, M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor (7), R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), W. Bro. H. Darling (7), R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28).

Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), chairman, R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (53), R.W. Bro. Dr C. E. Smyth (2), R.W. Bro. J. Wilson (61), R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (2), R.W. Bro. T. M Turnbull (7).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—R.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), chairman, M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), M.W. Bro. G. Macdonald (1), M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin (1), M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), M.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer (10).

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Charters and New Lodges—R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), chairman, M W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon Hogbin (1), M.W. Bro T McNabb (4), R.W. Bro. T. F. English (23), R. W. Bro. J. H Kemmis (6), R.W. Bro. S. H Riggs (27),

Benevolence and Home and School Fund—M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), chairman, R.W Bro. T. Sharpe (23), W. Bro. H. Darling (7), R.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), R.W. Bro. G. Murray (2), R.W. Bro. A. R Dempster (6), R.W. Bro. J. Wilson (61).

Credentials and Reception—The District Deputy Grand Masters of the eleven Masonic Districts, Chairman, R.W Bro W. J. Seed (24).

G. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary

IN MEMORIAM
of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister
Grand Lodges

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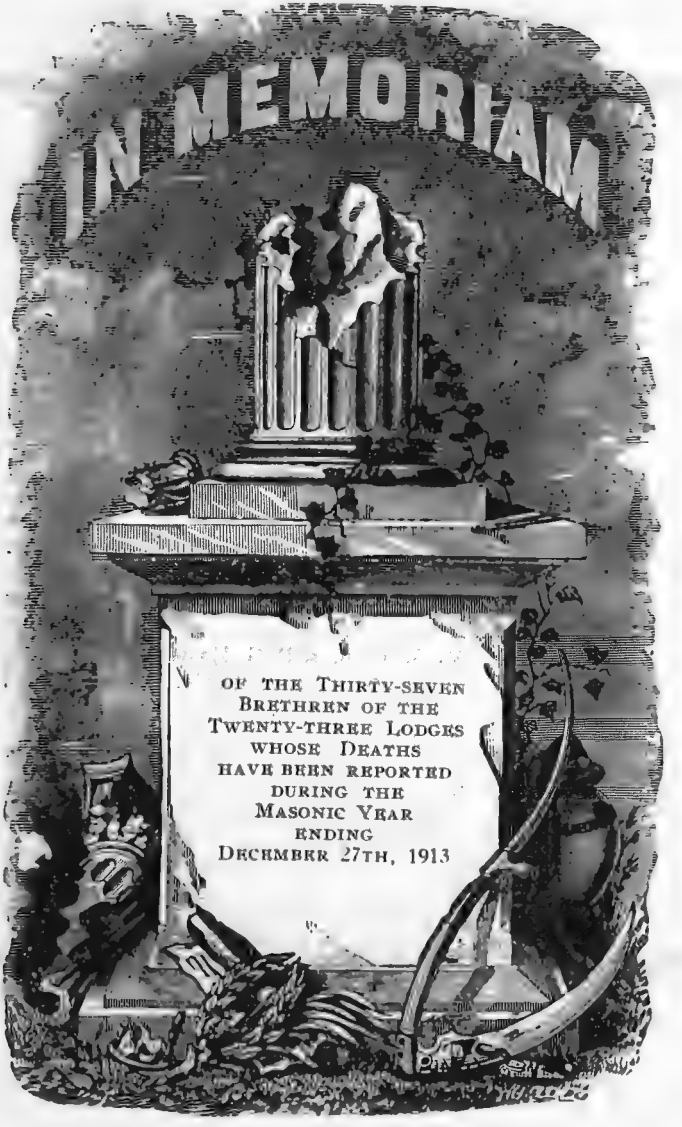
REVERENTLY INSCRIBED TO THE HONOURED DEAD OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS

Arizona	Herbert Brown, P. G. Master	May 12	1913
Arkansas	John M. Oathout, G. S. Deacon	June 20	1913
Arkansas	Styles T. Rowe, P. G. Master	June 2	1913
Colorado	William P. Benedict, G. S. Deacon	June 17	1913
Delaware	Jacob F. Mynich, G. Jr. Warden	Feb. 19	1914
Illinois	John R. Thomas, P. G. Master	Jan. 20	1914
Kentucky	John W. Landrum, G. Master	March 14	1914
Mexico	Geo. W. Deits, G. Jr. Warden	April 9	1913
Michigan	Chas. E. Sweet, P. G. Master	July 11	1913
Michigan	Francis D. Clarke, G Master	Sept. 7	1913
Mississippi	W. M. Connor, P. G Master	Aug. 4	1913
Missouri	E. F Allen, Grand Master	Aug. 26	1913
Missouri	John W. Owen, Grand Tyler	Dec. 4	1913
Montana	F. L. Graves, Jr. G. Warden	Dec. 26	1913
Montana	Dr. G. W. Monroe, P. G. Master	Dec 22	1912
Nebraska	Samuel W. Hayes, P.G.M	Nov. 15	1913
Nebraska	N. M. Ayers, P. G. Master	Nov. 19	1913
Tennessee	Jas W. Irwin, P G. Master	Feb. 12	1914
Virginia	Reuben M Page, P. G. Master	Jan. 14	1914


IN MEMORIAM
OF THE THIRTY-SEVEN
BRETHREN OF THE
TWENTY-THREE LODGES
WHOSE DEATHS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED
DURING THE
MASONIC YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER 27TH, 1913

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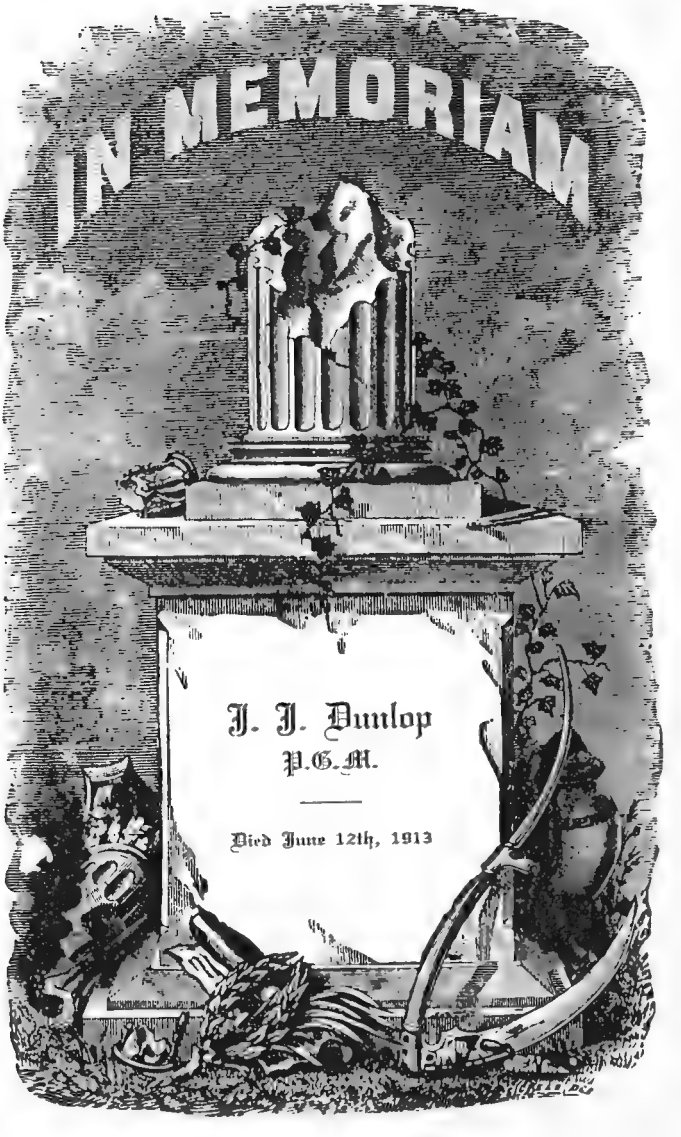
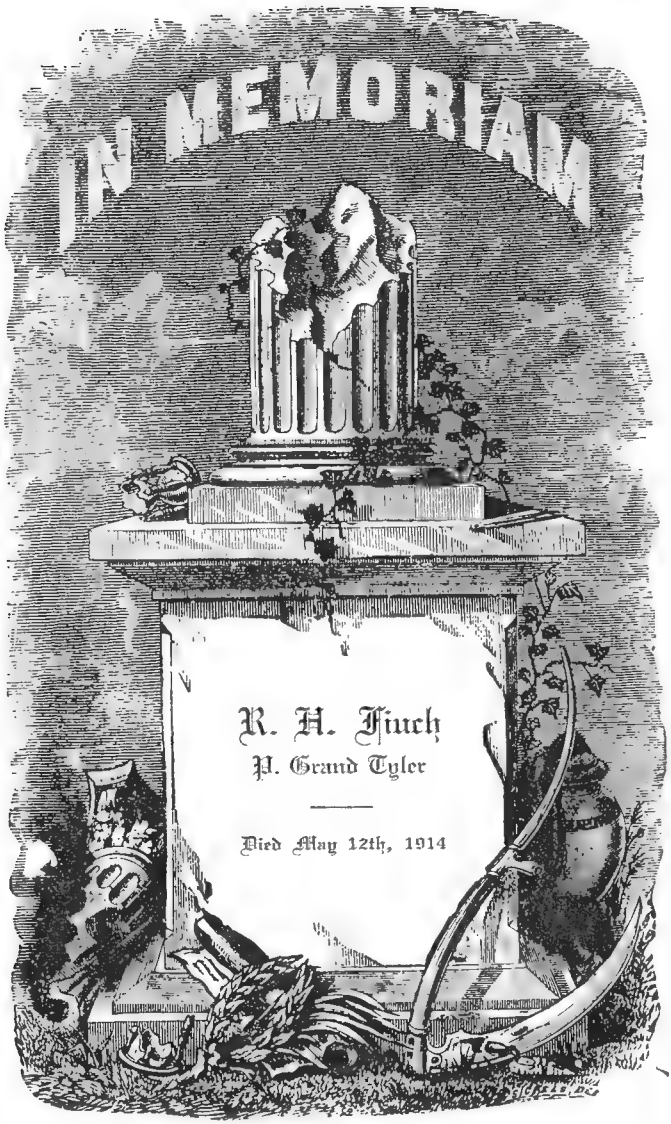
TO THE HONORED DEAD OF OUR OWN JURISDICTION

Adsit, William N.	Medicine Hat, No. 2	April	6 1913
Adshead, J. D. M.	Apollo, No. 27	Dec.	9 1913
Barber, J. Doris	Langdon, No. 52	Sept.	15 1913
Campbell, R. D.	Unity, No. 51	May	1 1913
Cottingham, W. Henry	Kenilworth, No. 29	Dec.	21 1913
Clark, W. H.	Jasper, No. 14	Dec.	24 1913
Davison, Wm. R. B.	Buffalo Park, No. 44	July	18 1912
Dunlop, J. J., P.G.M.	Jasper, No. 14	June	12 1913
Evans, Thomas M	North Star, No. 4	Jan.	2 1913
Edwards, G. Gordon	Langdon, No. 52		1913
Finch, Robt H.	Perfection No 9	May	12 1914
Gilmore, D. McL	Vermilion, No 24	Sept.	2 1913
Jackson, Robert	Cascade, No. 5	Aug.	21 1913
Kelly, John	Empire, No. 63	April	28 1913
Kerr, Robert	Medicine Hat, No. 2	Jan.	16 1913
Kennedy, George Allan	Alberta, No. 3	Oct.	8 1913
Lineham, John	Corinthian, No. 22	April	21 1913
Moorehouse, Omer	Acacia, No. 11	Sept.	2 1913
Mercer, J. B.	Jasper, No 14	Dec	19 1913
Musson, Walter J	Buffalo Park, No. 44	Nov.	3 1913
McClymont, J. D.	Edmonton, No. 7	March	17 1913
McEwan, Dunc	Medicine Hat, No 2	March	24 1913
McLeod, H S., P.D.D.G M	Bow River, No. 1	Aug.	30 1913
Parmentier, Jos.	Cascade, No. 5	April	15 1913
Robertson, James	Mountain View, No. 16	March	11 1913
Ross, William E.	Strathcona, U D.	Sept.	15 1913
Rose, John F.	Sentinel, No. 26	Dec.	19 1913
Stewart, Wm.	Mizpah, No. 35	March	19 1913
Sherlock, R. E.	North Star, No. 4	Oct.	20 1913
Scott, Henry	Bow River, No. 1	Oct.	8 1913
Smith, C. F.	Medicine Hat, No. 2		1913
Tindall, Ed James	Stavely, No. 33	March	22 1913
Tremblay, M. J.	Edmonton, No. 7	Jan.	11 1913
Thornton, J. J.	Grassy Lake, No. 57	Oct	17 1913
Walker, H. P. D.	Calgary, No. 23	April	27 1913
Ward, B. H.	Jasper, No. 14	Jan.	1913
White, D. G.	Mizpah, No. 35	Oct.	10 1913


IN MEMORIAM
J. J. Dunlop
P.G.M.
Died June 12th, 1913

IN MEMORIAM
H. S. McLeod
P.D.D.G.M.
Died August 30th, 1913


IN MEMORIAM
R. H. Finch
P. Grand Tyler
Died May 12th, 1914

LODGE DIRECTORY
AND
STATISTICAL TABLES

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name.	W. Master	Secretary.	Address.	Night of Regular Meeting.
1	Bow River	F. R Jelfs	G. A T. Mason	120-9 Av. N W., Cal	Second Monday in each month.
2	Medicine Hat	Jesse Elliott	R. M. Napier	P.O 1330, Med Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3	Alberta	E. Doberer	Wm. Root	P.O. 272, Macleod	Wednesday on or before full moon
4	North Star	W J. Armstrong	J A. Reid	P.O. 1809, Lethbr'ge	Second Monday in each month.
5	Cascade	Wm. Warren	Ed. Harding	P O. 70, Banff	Thursday on or before full moon.
6	Spitzie	J. J. Gillespie	F. W. Lindsay	Pincher Creek	Friday on or before full moon.
7	Edmonton	C. E McManus	J. R. Hume	P.O. 515, Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
8	Innisfail	L. M. McLean	G. W. Scott	P.O. 504, Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9	Perfection	D. O. McHugh	Wm. Ireland	P O 1263, Calgary	Third Thursday in each month.
10	Eureka	C. R Breen	N. E. Carruthers	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11	Acacia	M. S Caine	A. H Church	P.O. 4852, Edmon S	Second Thursday in each month.
12	Red Deer	W. E Chadsey	W. J. Stephenson	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13	Victoria	Geo. Easterby	W. A. Graham	Ft Saskatchewan	Tuesday on or before full moon.
14	Jasper	J. D. MacEdward	D J. Smith	856 6th St. Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15	Wetaskiwin	F. B Watson	R. W. Manley	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16	Mountain View	J. H. Lawrence	Jas. F. Grant	Olds	Friday on or before full moon
17	Nanton	E. D. Malloy	G. H. Legler	Nanton	Third Friday in each month
18	Britannia	A. Sayers	John A. Kerr	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19	Cornerstone	J F. Casteel	P. G. Thomas	High River	Thursday on or before full moon.
20	Carstairs	W. B. Price	C W. Moore	Carstairs	Thursday on or before full moon.
21	King Hiram	J. L. Anderson	Jno. Nixon	Didsbury	Tuesday on or before full moon.
22	Corinthian	A. E Ardiel	C. L. Brown	Okotoks	First Friday in each month
23	Calgary	A. V. Bilton	A. J. Davis	P O. 598, Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24	Vermilion	J. Brimacombe	H Percy Long	Vermilion	Tuesday on or before full moon.
25	St. John	Ira D. Worth	H A Meredith	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26	Sentinel	J. E. Cruickshank	Daniel Briscoe	Hillcrest	Wednesday on or before full moon.
27	Apollo	H. H. Munro	Wm. Dunlap	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28	Ashlar	S. Houlton	E P. Withrow	P O. 1769, Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29	Kenilworth	K. M. Byers	A R. Gibson	Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month
30	Summit	J. H. Ross	C. S. Ouimette	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31	Doric	G. E. Ewing	J. T. Willard	Taber	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Cairo	J T. D Kingsley	W. R. Shanks	Claresholm	Third Thursday in each month.
33	Stavely	M. Cressman	A. C. Moir	Staveley	Tuesday on or before full moon.
34	Star of the West	G F. Stanley	W G. Lowry	P.O. 261, Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35	Mizpah	E. A. Bell	W. H. McEwan	P O 395, Med. Hat	Tuesday after full moon.
36	Gleichen	A. N. McLeay	Rev Can. Stocken	Gleichen	Tuesday on or after full moon.
37	Camrose	D. Sutherland	G. K. Stephenson	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38	Hope	A. W Ebbett	Wm. Mackintosh	Manville	Friday on or before full moon.
39	Lethbridge	Arthur Haye	Chas. S. Dore	P O. 537, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40	Joppa	W. R. Cochrane	A. Scott Peebles	Granum	Thursday on or before full moon.
41	King Solomon	J. E. Laird	W E Saunders	Cochrane	Friday on or before full moon

42	Bowden	P. Turnbull	Wm. Wilson	Bowden	Wednesday on or before full moon
43	Tuscan	F E Nichol	R J McGowan	Killam	Wednesday on or before full moon.
44	Buffalo Park	A E Mills	R E Gough	Wainwright	First Wednesday in each month.
45	Ionic	H W. Panrucker	C. A. Bateman	Alix	Thursday on or before full moon.
46	Palestine	J A Younie	H. E .Rogers	Tofield	First Wednesday in each month.
47	Chinook	H D. McMillan	G. F. Snyder	Cowley	Monday on or before full moon.
48	Crossfield	H. E Marston	Percy G Swann	Crossfield	Tuesday on or before full moon
49	Robert Burns	J. W. Millar	A. F. Wilson, V.S	Carmangay	Thursday on or before full moon.
50	Comet	H. B. Wood	Alex. Redman	Hardisty	Second Tuesday in each month
51	Unity	P. S Bailey	R. Knox	P O 523, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52	Langdon	Roy Cowan	V. A. Narraway	Langdon	Thursday on or before full moon
53	Strathmore	W. E. Brown	Hy. Wood	P.O A. Strathmore	Monday on or before full moon.
54	Mount Lebanon	D. Boyd	Jas. Shaw	P O 515, Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55	Bassano	W. A. W Hames	R H Struthers	P O. 111, Bassano	Fourth Tuesday in each month
56	Beaver	J W. McBrine	W. G. Braine	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57	Grassy Lake	Wm. Raisbeck	Robt McLachlan.	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58	Chief Mountain	G. B. Thomson	E. N. Barker	Cardston	Second Saturday in each month
59	King George	Wm. Flett	E J Flavin	P.O. 1216, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60	Acme	Wm. Bannerman	Lewis McCook	Acme	Thursday on or before full moon.
61	Provost	C. E. Bull	J. H Dodds	Provost	Wednesday on or after full moon.
62	Coal	J. B McCarthy	Roy E. A. Carter	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
63	Empire	T. H. Wilson	E. Fidler	562 Clara St. Edmon.	First Monday in each month.
64	Bow Island	Geo. Bruce	I. W. Reid	Bow Island	Tuesday on or before full moon.
65	Diamond City	Jos. Gordon	T N Christie	Diamond City	Second Friday in each month.
66	St. Andrew	D G Code	C P. Hughes	Trochu	Thursday on or before full moon.
67	Charity	J A. Gilmore	Jas. F. Livie	1508 4th Av. N L'brge	Second Friday in each month.
68	Edson	Alonzo Haines	J. D Mackenzie	Edson	First Thursday in each month.
69	Connaught	Wm. McAthey	J W. Martin	Viking	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70	Quarry	Wm. H. Hatcher	R McK West	Redcliff	Third Thursday in each month.
71	Tawatinaw	C. A Dallas	A L. Sawie	Athabasca	First Tuesday in each month.
72	Coronation	F. S Mitchell	W. D Guthrie	Coronation	Thursday on or before full moon.
73	Brooks	C. E. Anderson	J H. Binns	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
74	Vulcan	Thomas Baird	A. J. Flood	Vulcan	Tuesday on or before full moon.
75	Harmony	A. M. McKee	J. S McDonald	Sedgewick	Monday on or before full moon.
U D	Fidelity	A. J. Whitby	N E. Ledgerwood	Bashaw	First Tuesday in each month.
U.D.	Champion	W. B Blackly	E. G. Ogilvie	Champion	Thursday on or before full moon.
U.D	Strathcona	Robert Wynn	A. M. Dallas	P.O. 4596, Edmon S.	Second Monday in each month.
U.D.	Hanna	John A. McLure.	J G. Odell	Hanna	Wednesday on or before full moon
U.D.	Morning Star	W C. Reed	W D. Baxter	Lougheed	Thursday on or before full moon.
U.D.	Excelsior	S. R. Pryor	H. Stevenson	Strome	Thursday on or before full moon.
U.D.	Commercial	C. G. Davidson	R. W. Henry	P.O. 8. Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
U.D	Acadia	D. C. Thomson	W. C Auld	Youngstown	Tuesday on or before full moon
U D.	Zetland	Joseph H. Argue	E. S. Clow	924 18th Av. W Cal.	Third Thursday in each month.
U D.	Rocky Mountain	Glen Passmore	R. M. Briscoe	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
U.D.	Suffield	James Murray	J O. Roberts	Suffield	Second Wednesday in each month.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, DECEMBER 27th, 1913

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C.	Died.	Membership 27th Dec., '12	Membership 27th Dec., '13	Increase	Decrease.
1	Bow River	15	16	26	19	1	11	24		2	298	296		2
2	Medicine Hat	22	18	12	6		4			4	165	185	20	
3	Alberta	5	4	3	4	1	3	3		1	74	77	3	
4	North Star	21	25	21	5	4	7	6		2	210	225	15	
5	Cascade	2	3	3	4		1	2		2	110	111	1	
6	Spitzie	2	2	1	1		2				74	75	1	
7	Edmonton	11	13	11	19			14		2	354	368	14	
8	Innisfail	10	10	12	5		5	5			55	60	5	
9	Perfection	17	21	17	13		5	21			442	446	4	
10	Eureka	8	12	9	1		7				78	80	2	
11	Acacia	12	12	17	4	1	8	1		1	129	136	7	
12	Red Deer	9	12	12			5				92	96	4	
13	Victoria	4	6	4			5	4			70	65		5
14	Jasper	16	15	19	4		7			4	197	206	9	
15	Wetaskiwin	4	3	2	2		4				63	65	2	
16	Mountain View	1	2	2	1		4	4			47	41		6
17	Nanton	6	8	5	1		6				59	60	1	
18	Britannia	1			3		5	8			44	35		9
19	Cornerstone	4	5	5	2	3	4	12			130	123		7
20	Carstairs	1	1	2			2				53	52		1
21	King Hiram	2	2		1						50	53	3	
22	Corinthian	17	13	14	1	1	6			1	55	67	12	
23	Calgary	19	11	17	11	1	1	1		1	165	193	28	
24	Vermilion	6	6	4	4					1	46	55	9	
25	St. John	2	2	1	2		3				52	53	1	

26	Sentinel	30	25	23	5		1			1	57	90	33	
27	Apollo	10	6	4	5	2	1			1	46	61	15	
28	Ashlar	11	13	9	13		2				133	155	22	
29	Kenilworth	9	7	6	5		6			1	53	60	7	
30	Summit	2					1				37	38	1	
31	Doric	5	6	4	1		5	2			49	48		1
32	Cairo	1	1		2		4				52	51		1
33	Stavely	6	8	5	2		4	1		1	59	61	2	
34	Star of the West	3	3	3			3				31	31		
35	Mizpah	8	8	8	11			3		2	62	76	14	
36	Gleichen	4	4	6	3		2	1			49	53	4	
37	Camrose	5	7	5	4		3				37	43	6	
38	Hope	2	2	1			1				36	37	1	
39	Lethbridge	12	12	8	3		8	8			98	97		1
40	Joppa	2	2	3	2		2		1		29	30	1	
41	King Solomon	2	3	2	3		5				29	29		
42	Bowden	1	1		1						20	22	2	
43	Tuscan	2	3	3	1		6	1			36	32		4
44	Buffalo Park	8	11	8	1		4			2	48	51	3	
45	Ionic	5	6	7			4				46	47	1	
46	Palestine	4	3	3							25	29	4	
47	Chinook	2	2	3	3						22	27	5	
48	Crossfield	7	1	4			3				31	35	4	
49	Robert Burns	4	5	4	1		2				32	35	3	
50	Comet	2	5		2						20	24	4	
51	Unity	48	58	40	18		5			1	243	303	60	
52	Langdon	4	4				3			2	43	42		1
53	Strathmore	8	6	5	8						35	51	16	
54	Mount Lebanon	14	16	19	4		1			1	118	134	16	
55	Bassano	10	16	14	1	2	3				52	62	10	
56	Beaver	6	5	7			1				40	45	5	
57	Grassy Lake	1	1	1	2		2	1		1	24	23		1
58	Chief Mountain	3	5	5	1		1				22	25	3	
59	King George	22	19	21	6		4	2			77	99	22	

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60	Acme	6	2	2	2		2				36	42	6	
61	Provost	6	6	4	1		4				27	30	3	
62	Coal	1	8	3			1				17	17		
63	Empire	28	22	24	6		2			1	48	79	31	
64	Bow Island	6	10	7	3		1				24	32	8	
65	Diamond City	4	5	2	1		2				18	21	3	
66	St. Andrew	9	10	11	1		5				25	30	5	
67	Charity	2	2	4	2						21	25	4	
68	Edson	11	12	8	1						25	37	12	
69	Connaught	6	6	5	3		1				12	20	8	
70	Quarry	5	8	5	6						10	21	11	
71	Tawatinaw	14	8	5	20				1		00	33	33	
72	Coronation	9	6	2	13				1		00	21	21	
73	Brooks	14	9	9	21		1				00	34	34	
74	Vulcan	13	9	7	13		1				00	25	25	
75	Harmony	10	8	7	8						00	18	18	
U.D.	Fidelity	11	11	11	14						00	25	25	
U.D.	Champion	3	1		10						00	13	13	
U.D.	Strathcona	39	21	17	20					1	00	58	58	
U.D.	Hanna	5	3	2	18						00	23	23	
U.D.	Morning Star	1	1	1	14						00	15	15	
U.D.	Excelsior				9						00	9	9	
U.D.	Commercial				25						00	25	25	
U.D.	Acadia				15						00	15	15	
U.D.	Zetland				102						00	102	102	
		683	664	586	549	16	212	124	3	36	5166	6039	912	39

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ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1905, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

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1906	O. W. Kealy	Rev.G.H.Hogbin	R. G. Mathews	Thos McNabb	E N. Brown	J J. Dunlop	C. H Stuart-Wade	Rev J. Hinchliffe
1907	H C. Taylor	Rev G H.Hogbin	Thos. McNabb	J T Macdonald	E N. Brown	Dr G. Macdonald P G M	C H. Stuart-Wade	Rev C C. Hoyle
1908	Rev G H Hogbin	J. T. Macdonald	J J Dunlop	A E Jamieson	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr.G Macdonald P G M	O W Kealy, P G.M.	Rev W R. George
1909	J. T Macdonald	Thos McNabb	J. J Dunlop	R Patterson	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr.G. Macdonald P G.M	O.W Kealy, P G M.	Rev G. H Webb
1910	J. J Dunlop	Thos McNabb	R Patterson	S. J. Blair	Dr N. J. Lindsay	Dr G Macdonald P.G M	W. M. Connacher	Rev Canon Stocken
1911	Thos McNabb	R Patterson	S. J Blair	J. A. Jackson	Dr N. J. Lindsay	Dr G Macdonald P G M.	W M Connacher	Rev S B.Hillocks
1912	R Patterson	S J Blair	J A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	Dr. N. J. Lindsay	Dr.G Macdonald P G.M.	J. M. Turnbull	Rev R Pearson
1913	S J. Blair	J A. Jackson	S. Y Taylor	E T. Bishop	Dr N J. Lindsay	Dr G Macdonald P G M.	M M. Downey	Rev Canon Stocken
1914	J. A. Jackson	S. Y. Taylor	E. T Bishop	WM Connacher	Dr N. J. Lindsay	Dr.G Macdonald P.G M.	J Elliott	Rev Canon Stocken

LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28).

No. 1 Bow River ——— Calgary.
No. 5 Cascade ——— Banff.
No. 9 Perfection ——— Calgary
No. 23 Calgary ——— Calgary.
No. 28 Ashlar ——— Calgary.
No. 41 King Solomon ——— Cochrane.
No. 54 Mt. Lebanon ——— Calgary.
No. 59 King George ——— Calgary
No. 83 Zetland ——— Calgary.

District No. 2.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray (2).

No. 2 Medicine Hat ——— Medicine Hat.
No. 31 Doric ——— Taber.
No. 35 Mizpah ——— Medicine Hat.
No. 57 Grassy Lake ——— Grassy Lake.
No. 64 Bow Island ——— Bow Island.
No. 70 Quarry ——— Redcliff.
U.D. Suffield ——— Suffield

District No. 3.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. M. Turnbull (7).

No. 7 Edmonton ——— Edmonton.
No. 11 Acacia ——— Edmonton South.
No. 14 Jasper ——— Edmonton.
No. 34 Star of the West ——— Leduc.
No. 51 Unity ——— Edmonton.
No. 63 Empire ——— Edmonton.
No. 68 Edson ——— Edson.
No. 71 Tawatinaw ——— Athabasca.
No. 77 Strathcona ——— Edmonton South.
No. 81 Commercial ——— Edmonton.

District No. 4.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer (10)

No. 8 Innisfail ..... Innisfail.
No. 10 Eureka ..... Lacombe.
No. 12 Red Deer ..... Red Deer.
No. 15 Wetaskiwin ..... Wetaskiwin.
No. 16 Mountain View .. Olds.
No. 18 Britannia ..... Ponoka.
No. 20 Carstairs ..... Carstairs.
No. 21 King Hiram ..... Didsbury.
No. 29 Kenilworth ..... Red Deer.
No. 42 Bowden ..... Bowden.
No. 48 Crossfield ..... Crossfield.

District No. 5.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jno. Wilson (61).

No. 37 Camrose ..... Camrose.
No. 43 Tuscan ..... Killam.
No. 50 Comet ..... Hardisty.
No. 61 Provost ..... Provost
No. 62 Coal ..... Bawlf.
No. 75 Harmony ..... Sedgewick.
No. 76 Fidelity ..... Bashaw.
No. 79 Morning Star .... Lougheed.
No. 80 Excelsior ..... Strome.

District No. 6.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. A. Hopkins (33)

No. 17 Nanton ..... Nanton.
No. 19 Cornerstone ..... High River.
No. 22 Corinthian ..... Okotoks.
No. 32 Cairo ..... Claresholm.
No. 33 Stavely ..... Stavely.
No. 40 Joppa ..... Granum.

District No. 7.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. H. Struthers (55).

No. 36 Gleichen ..... Gleichen.
No. 52 Langdon ..... Langdon.
No. 53 Strathmore ..... Strathmore.
No. 55 Bassano ..... Bassano.
No. 60 Acme ..... Acme.
No. 73 Brooks ..... Brooks.

District No. 8.

D.D G.M.—R W Bro. A R. Dempster (6).

No. 3 Alberta ---------- Macleod.
No 6 Spitzie ---------- Pincher.
No. 26 Sentinel ---------- Hillcrest.
No. 30 Summit ---------- Coleman.
No. 47 Chinook ---------- Cowley.
U D. Rocky Mountain-- Blairmore.

District No. 9.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. S. H. Riggs (27).

No. 27 Apollo ---------- Stettler.
No. 45 Ionic ---------- Alix.
No. 56 Beaver ---------- Castor.
No. 66 St. Andrew ------- Trochu.
No. 72 Coronation ------ Coronation.
No 78 Hanna ---------- Hanna.
No. 82 Acadia ---------- Youngstown.

District No. 10.

D D.G.M —R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed (24).

No 13 Victoria ---------- Ft. Saskatchewan.
No. 24 Vermilion -------- Vermilion
No. 25 St. John ---------- Vegreville.
No. 38 Hope ---------- Mannville.
No. 44 Buffalo Park ---- Wainwright
No. 46 Palestine ---------- Tofield.
No. 69 Connaught ------- Viking.

District No. 11.

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. T. Graham (39)

No. 4 North Star ------ Lethbridge.
No. 39 Lethbridge ------- Lethbridge.
No. 49 Robert Burns ---- Carmangay.
No. 58 Chief Mountain -- Cardston.
No. 65 Diamond City --- Diamond City.
No. 67 Charity ---------- Lethbridge.
No. 74 Vulcan ---------- Vulcan.
U.D. Champion ------- Champion.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

MAY, 1914

By S. Y. TAYLOR, Chairman

To the Most Worshipful, Grand Lodge,
A. F. & A. M., of Alberta.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence presents its third annual report of the proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges. We trust that this report, which contains the thoughts and opinions of many of the brightest and most experienced Masons in other Jurisdictions, throughout the world, will be read by every member of the Craft in this Province, and that a greater interest in our noble Order will be created thereby.

Nothing of a startling nature has occurred during the year Peace and harmony reign supreme in almost every Grand Jurisdiction. The mission of Freemasonry is being better understood and its influence upon the characters of the brethren greater than ever before.

The liquor question claims the attention of many Jurisdictions, and several of them have put the ban on the saloon keeper, while others have left the settlement of this question to subordinate lodges through the exercise of the black ball The day is not far distant when it will be impossible for those trafficking in strong drink to gain admission to Freemasonry.

A large number of Grand Jurisdictions have become members of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, thus protecting the brethren against the impositions of unworthy mendicants.

It has been proposed to hold a convention of delegates of the various Grand Lodges of America for the purpose of forming

a central Masonic Body with authority to enact laws and make measures binding upon the various Jurisdictions participating therein. As each Grand Lodge is a sovereign and independent Masonic Body, it would be unwise to allow such independence to be impaired by participating in such an organization.

An unwarranted attempt is being made by certain Masonic bodies, notably the Grand Orient of Italy to establish Symbolic Lodges within American Jurisdictions. It is a well recognized principle that no foreign jurisdiction has the right to invade the territory of another. Such Lodges have been declared irregular and clandestine.

During March of last year, the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio were visited by floods and fires and much damage to property, and many losses of life resulted therefrom. It has been exceedingly gratifying to learn of the prompt and generous response to the appeal for aid, made by the brethren throughout the world, for charity knows no bounds save those of prudence. Indeed, the needy brother, the distressed widow, and the helpless orphan are no longer allowed to call unheeded, and the worthy Mason is seeking an opportunity to practice that virtue which he previously professed to admire.

With fraternal greeting and best wishes to you, my Brethren of Alberta, and to the Brethren of the Round Table, whose correspondence I have read with pleasure and profit, and whom I am pleased to regard as personal friends, I present this brief review for your consideration, in the hope that it will contain some information which will conpensate you for the time spent in a careful perusal of the same.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Chairman of the Committee
on Foreign Correspendence.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED

1. Alabama.
2. Arizona.
3. Arkansas.
4. British Columbia.
5. California.
6. Canada.
7. Connecticut.
8. Delaware.
9. District of Columbia.
10. Florida.
11. Georgia.
12 Illinois.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED—Continued.

13 Indiana.
14. Iowa.
15 Ireland.
16. Kentucky.
17. Maine.
18. Manitoba.
19. Michigan.
20 Minnesota.
21. Missouri.
22. Nebraska
23. Nevada.
24. New Brunswick.
25. New Hampshire.
26. New Jersey.
27. New Mexico.
28. New South Wales
29. New York.
30 New Zealand
31. North Carolina
32. North Dakota.
33. Nova Scotia.
34. Ohio.
35. Oklahoma.
36. Pennsylvania.
37. Prince Edward Island.
38. Quebec.
39. Queensland.
40. Saskatchewan.
41. South Australia.
42. South Carolina.
43. South Dakota.
44. Utah.
45. Washington.
46. Western Australia.
47. Wisconsin.
48. Wyoming.

ALABAMA.

93rd Annual. Montgomery, Dec. 2nd, 1913.

The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Bro. Daniel A. Greene, was supported by seven Past Grand Masters, at the opening of Grand Lodge in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, the second day of December, A.D., 1913.

Bro. Robert E. Steiner, Grand Representative of Alberta was present.

If any Grand Representative is absent from three consecutive Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, his Commission is revoked by the Grand Master. The Grand Representative of Rhode Island having failed to comply with this regulation, lost his Commission and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was notified accordingly.

The Grand Master in his opening remarks says:—

> "As I look into your faces here before me today, and contemplate your achievements during the past five years, I rejoice in the realization that Alabama is no laggard in the contest being waged by the moral forces of the world, and that its members are no drones in humanity's hive in the

great work of bringing relief to the needy, comfort to the sorrowing, and of making life worth the living; that they stand ever ready to reach forth the helping hand to those in distress, and to exemplify in their actions the doctrine of service We extol the virtue of charity, but as beautiful as the thought may be, its real greatness does not consist of the fact that it 'extends beyond the grave into the boundless realms of Eternity.' Above and beyond that, it is the greatest virtue because it is the active one Faith and hope are passive—one may be idle, yet be filled with faith and hope, but one cannot be filled with charity without doing something. One cannot really love without serving. This is the mission of Masonry and the gospel it preaches. From its inception Masonry has ever stood for liberty of conscience, for freedom of intellect and for the right of all men to stand erect, unfettered and unafraid, equal before God and the law, each respecting the rights of his fellows.

"Masonry stands for these because it recognizes that these rights are imbedded in the will of God and interwoven in the constitution of the human soul. In the struggle for a higher civilization, in her plea for a government without tyranny, and a religion without superstition, she uses neither force or intrigue, but with the power of faith, the persuasions of reason and the might of gentleness impresses upon mankind the lessons of love, the inculcation of universal benevolence, the practice of charity, of service if you will—and as sure as God reigns in Heaven under the benign but powerful influence of these agencies, the various threads of human fellowship will be woven into one mystic cord of friendship, encircling the earth and holding the race in unity of spirit and the bonds of peace."

Nine dispensations were granted for the formation of new Lodges.

The following are some of the decisions given by the Grand Master during the year:—

"5. The room containing the altar and three stations is the Lodge room. While the banquet hall, preparation and reception room are a part of the Masonic building, neither of them can be denominated the Lodge room.

"6. Any member who voluntarily recommends an application for initiation or affiliation cannot thereafter withdraw his name from such petition.

"10. No person other than a member of the Lodge can object to the advancement of a candidate.

"12. No candidates can be advanced who are unable to pass a satisfactory examination on the preceding degree.

"14. A bookkeeper, or traveling salesman, for a wholesale liquor house is ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

"20. One who is a stockholder in a corporation engaged in the wholesale liquor business is not eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

"21. The first three officers of a Subordinate Lodge are not ineligible to election to a Grand Lodge office. However, if such an officer is elected to a Grand Lodge office it renders him ineligible to re-election to office in the Subordinate Lodge, while he holds his Grand Lodge office."

The Grand Master closes his excellent address with the beautiful sentiment, expressed in the poem of Whittier:—

"When I am dead, if men can say,
'He helped the world upon its way,
With all his faults of word and deed
Mankind did have some little need
Of what he gave'—then in my grave
No greater honor shall I crave.

If they can say—if they but can—
'He did his best; he played the man,
His way was straight; his soul was clean;
His failings not unkind, nor mean,
He loved his fellow men and tried
To help them'—I shall be content."

Since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge the New Masonic Home has been thrown open for the reception and accommodation of residents, and has now been in active operation about 10 months.

The Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. furnished the kitchen and dining room at a cost of $3,500, and passed a resolution at their last meeting to erect a hospital at a cost of about $8,000. The annual cost of maintenance is about $200 per capita.

Present number of members, 26,397; amount of dues paid, $24,051; net gain in membership, 926.

Our good Brother Titcomb was evidently in error when he intimated in his correspondence for 1912, that Prince Arthur, son of the Duke of Connaught, received his three degrees on one night. A letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England gives the exact dates on which the Prince received each of his degrees, showing that at least a month intervened between each degree.

On the concluding page of the proceedings we read this significant note:—

"NOTE.—Our dearly beloved and deeply lamented W. Brother William Y. Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for 15 consecutive years, was called hence on the morning of Tuesday, December 23rd, 1913, at 8 o'clock.

"A fitting memorial will be prepared later.

"Grand Secretary"

And so our beloved Brother has penned his last Correspondence Report, which is one of the best it has been my privilege to read. It has never been our good fortune to meet Brother Titcomb, but we have grown to love him through the reading of his fraternal reports May some new star in the Masonic firmament arise and shine with equal brilliancy.

M.W. Bro. Henry C. Miller ---------- Grand Master
R W Bro. George A. Beauchamp ----------Grand Secretary

ARIZONA.

31st Annual. Bisbee, Feb. 11th, 1913.

Grand Master Grachman in his annual address makes a strong plea for uniformity of work, and recommends that the Jurisdiction be divided into districts, with a Deputy Grand Master appointed for each district, whose duty it would be to see that the several Degrees are exemplified in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Lodge. He also recommended that immediate steps be taken to have a history of Freemasonry prepared and published.

He concludes his interesting address with these words:—

"A prominent Masonic writer once wrote: 'Masonry, my brethren, like the field of the husbandman, will yield up

her treasures to the persevering laborer only, who earns them by diligent toil. Time alone, and study will enable you to understand it, and then you will see why it is so highly prized by those generous men who esteem above dignities, and riches the mind's tranquil peace, the love of truth, the pleasure of aiding our fellowmen.'

"Masonry is useful to all men; to the learned because it affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention; to the illiterate, because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and useful recreation; to the traveler, whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would be isolated and solitary. To the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted on whom it lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good by uniting with those who are charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality and philanthropy."

The total membership of the 20 Subordinate Lodges is 2118, a gain of 105 during the year.

There is no Correspondence Report.

About 50 pages of the Proceedings are taken up with lists of the officers and members of the various Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction What think you of the wisdom of using this space for foreign correspondence?

M.W. Bro. Leroy Middleton ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. G. J. Roskruge ----------Grand Secretary

ARKANSAS.

72nd Annual Little Rock, Nov. 18th, 1913.

Four Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings, according to ancient Masonic custom.

At the opening of Grand Lodge there were present 15 Past Grand Masters, 15 District Deputy Grand Masters, and 45 Grand Lodge Representatives. Bro. F. G Lindsay, Grand Representative of Alberta was in attendance.

Immediately after Grand Lodge was opened, the roll of deceased Past Grand Masters was read, and the Craft called up and the Funeral Grand Honors given in memory of these eminent and beloved brethren.

The address of Grand Master William T. Hammock is a business like presentation of his official acts during the year Details, which appear in the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer are wisely omitted.

Jewels were presented to every living Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The presentations were made in their respective Lodges, at a special function arranged for that purpose. The jewels were sent by registered mail directly to those Past Grand Masters living beyond the confines of the State, with suitable letters accompanying them

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was invited to hear the Grand Orator's address at the evening session The leading theme of the Grand Orator was the sending of the Bible without comment or note to the uttermost parts of the earth. He says: "I know this cannot be done in the twinkling of an eye, but there is no valor without a sacrifice; no philosophy but in practice. I am not unmindful of the force of argument in the language of the poet when he said:—

> 'Not all tonight, then be contended, zealous heart.
> God's plans like lilies, pure and white unfold
> We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart,
> Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.'"

The following was adopted, with regard to the Hot Springs Sanitarium:—

> "Whereas, the Congress of the United States of America has heretofore, to wit:—
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> "By Act No. — , granted and conveyed to Hot Springs Lodge, No. 62, lots 1 and 2, in block 114, in the City of Hot Springs, Ark., to be used by said Lodge for the erection of a Lodge and Sanitarium for the care of brethren; and
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> "Whereas, Hot Springs, Ark., being as it is the world's greatest health resort and Nature's Sanitorium, being possessed

of the most wonderful and marvelous health-giving waters known to man, naturally draws to itself many thousands of Masons from all the States and many foreign countries, and in a great many instances numbers of these visitors are indigent or find themselves unable to continue their stay sufficient time for complete restoration of health, and as their necessities arise they call on, expect, and receive assistance from Hot Springs Lodge, No. 62, and the Masonic brethren of that City, and it was in order to render some assistance by the government to this most worthy and laudable undertaging that Congress made its session to title to the above mentioned property, on which the aforesaid Lodge desires and intends to erect a Masonic Lodge and Sanitorium for the use of and care of all indigent Masons applying; and to this end, it requires special legislation and action by this Grand Lodge, that said Lodge may be empowered and authorized for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of the necessary building, which may require incumbering the aforesaid property by it, as heretofore granted by Congress Therefore, be it

"Resolved, That all the premises considered, and for the purposes and considerations herein expressed, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Arkansas, do hereby authorize, empower and permit the said Hot Springs Lodge, No. 62, of Hot Springs, to proceed to erect the aforesaid Sanitorium and Lodge Hall, and execute all proper conveyances or mortgages to securing any loans made to it for that purpose. That this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge hereby tenders its moral support and most cordially and heartily commends the proposed project to all Masons, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to co-operate with the officers of said Lodge in carrying out the object aforesaid."

The brethren of Arkansas have reason to be proud of their Home and School. The present attendance is 103, and the total expense for this year amount to $20,033.91.

Total number of Lodges, 554; number of Master Masons, 20,118; number suspended for non-payment of dues, 681; number suspended for unmasonic conduct, 28; number expelled, 18; number of honary members, 2042.

The proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges were reviewed by a committee of three, of which Bro. George T. Black was Chairman. One page was devoted to Alberta, 1913.

M.W. Bro. David I. Mills ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead ----------Grand Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

42nd Annual. New Westminster, June 19th, 1913.

Seven emergent convocations were held during the year, for the purpose of constituting Lodges, and one for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple in the town of Duncans.

Nine Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Jno. M. Rudd, Grand Master. In his address he says:—

> "The good fortune has been mine to visit 61 out of the 63 Warranted Lodges in the Jurisdiction. I found Freemasonry prospering and advancing. Our membership is increasing, the Lodges are in good financial standing, and most important of all, care is used in the choice of material. A high standard has been set, and they are trying to live up to it.
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> "Some difference of opinion, some little discord may arise, but these can only be settled by the brethren themselves, and the process of settlement often leads to great good. A closer fraternal feeling, and a greater respect for the brethren who have the courage to air their supposed grievances and bring their views before the Lodge.
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> "It has been my endeavor to show that Freemasory is not simply an outward form and ceremony, but something to take into and live up to in our daily lives. Only by this can we make it a world wide influence for good, which should be our increasing aim."

The Charity account of this Grand Lodge shows a credit balance of $3,868 16, and the general account a similar balance of $5,335.58. They have assets amounting to $31,000, most of which is bearing 8 per cent interest.

The revenue is obtained by a membership fee of $1.00, for initiations, passings and raisings each $1.00; affiliations, $1.00; M.M. diplomas, $2.00; P.M. certificates, $2.00; besides fees for dispensations, etc. The total revenue from 71 Lodges was $9,547.00.

Twenty-nine Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are Past Masters. Much of the success of a Lodge depends on the Secretary, and it is always wise to elect a P.M. when possible.

The total membership is 6,344, a net increase of 472 during the year. Six Lodges had a total decrease of 12 members. The total

outstanding dues in the Subordinate Lodges is $14,450.01. One of the Vancouver Lodges having a membership of 364, has dues outstanding amounting to $820.30.

The total value of the property of the Subordinate Lodges together with the funds on hand amount to $266,363.86, a very considerable sum for a comparatively young Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Charles C. Hoyle, Grand Historian, submitted a brief report of his work during the year. An annual allowance of $100 in made for this work.

As it is impossible in a large Jurisdiction for the Grand Master to visit every Lodge he must of necessity depend on the faithfulness of his Deputies to represent him in their various districts. We find that three D.D.G.M.s did not send in a report, while two others were late in forwarding theirs, and in some instances where reports were made, every Lodge in the district was not visited There is room for improvement here, brethren.

A large number of important Masonic works have been added to the Library during the year.

Prince Rupert was chosen as the place of meeting for the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Skey, D.G.M., was elected to the office of Grand Master, but declined to act owing to the pressure of private business, and a second ballot was taken, electing R.W. Bro. William Henderson, Senior Grand Warden, to that exalted office.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by V.W Bro W. A DeWolf-Smith, Grand Secretary. His review covers 122 pages. We hope to find Alberta included next year.

M.W. Bro. William Henderson ---------- Grand Master
V.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith ----------Grand Secretary

CALIFORNIA.

64th Annual. San Francisco, Oct. 14, 1913.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of California, by the M.W. Grand Master, William P. Filmer. The Grand Master visited 61 Masonic Districts, representing over three hundred Lodges. During these visitations he raised thirty brethren to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He installed the officers of twenty-three Subordinate

Lodges; laid the corner-stones of three Masonic Temples and four public buildings, and dedicated three Masonic Temples to the purposes of Masonry.

Dispensations were issued to form seven new Lodges during the year Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico

The prompt manner in which the brethren of California responded to the appeal for aid caused by the floods of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, is highly commendable. The Grand Master immediately upon learning of the disaster caused $5,000 to be telegraphed to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and within thirty days the Lodges and individual brethren had remitted to the Grand Secretary sums aggregating $9,500 The most generous subscriptions were made by the warm hearted brethren of Hawaiian Islands. They cabled $1,450 before the appeal of the Grand Master reached the Lodges of the Islands.

The portraits of several Past Grand Masters were destroyed in the fire of 1906, and steps are being taken to secure a reproduction of these paintings.

Our brethren in California have been molested with clandestine and fake Masonry. The experience is unpleasant, but the results do not usually injure the Craft.

The following rulings will be of interest to our readers.—

"1. The question was asked whether it is a violation of our Masonic law to print the names of candidates on postal card notices sent to Lodge members informing them of the time of special meeting for the conferring of the Degree.

"Under Section 77-L of the Constitution it is unlawful to publish the names of applicants for Degrees in a printed folder, and if it is a violation of our law to publish names of candidates for the Degrees in a printed folder, it is also wrong to print them on postal cards, and I ruled against the printing of names of candidates or applicants on postal card notices, folders or cards.

"2. The fee of an applicant does not become a part of the revenue of the Lodge until the applicant is elected by the Lodge to receive the Degrees. From the time the fee is received by the Lodge until such time as the applicant is elected or rejected the Lodge holds such fee in trust and in case of rejection must stand ready to return the fee to the

applicant, and that in computing the ten per cent 'for purposes of refreshment and the promotion of fraternal intercourse' the fees of rejected applicants should be deducted.

"3 A Lodge has the right to collect additional dues from a brother who has paid his dues in advance for a year and received a receipt for dues to December 31st, the Lodge on May 1st, having increased the dues from six to nine dollars per annum.

"The brother, although in possession of a receipt for dues for a full year, should pay the increase from the time such increase of dues took effect in the Lodge. The increase affected all the brethren and although the Lodge, in good faith, issued a receipt for dues for a year for the amount then in force, and the Lodge, during that year, increased the dues of its members, the brother should pay the increase just the same as other brethren who did not pay in advance.

"6. A Masonic pin presented by a Masonic Lodge is in the nature of a present and our Constitution prohibits Lodges from using their funds to purchase presents for retiring officers or distinguished brethren, and therefore they should not do so for new members."

The growth of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has been phenomenal. In 1881 the membership was 12,597, in 1903 it was 25,000, and now ten years hence it is over 50,000.

We heartily agree with the Grand Master when he states that,—

"Too frequently in Lodge trials the friends of accused members, honestly believing that leniency and charity should be extended to the erring brother, lend their aid to defeat the ends of justice. As Masons, we espouse the highest moral principles and it is incumbent upon us to manifest to the outside world our absolute disapproval of the criminal and immoral, who may exist among our membership. There is no condonation of crime in Masonry."

He closes his excellent address with these words:—

"The influence of one man whose life is guided by the hallowed light of Masonry, is far beyond estimation.

"One may build a mansion; may expend uncounted sums in rearing its walls of marble, and in storing it with every element of beauty within, and yet, passing from this mortal

realm, may have accomplished but little; while another, perhaps, never built anything save the beautiful mansion of character. The invisible precious stones that are laid in the walls of the new Temple, he laid around about his own character He left little save influence, but that influence, exerted day by day, falls into sensitive souls, and shapes, moulds and directs the course of life, and reveals the truth to countless others.

"Thus, my brethren, must the beneficient work of Masonry go forward, patient in its strength for ideal humanity, adding link upon link to the chain which joins the man of the past, through the man of the present, to the better man of the future."

The Superintendent of the Decoto Home for adults, and of the San Gabriel Home for children, presents a very interesting report. There are 75 men and 39 women being cared for at the former, while 59 children are being nurtured and educated at the latter.

A Masonic Employment Bureau, which has been in existence about four months, has secured positions for 205 applicants.

The following statement of receipts and disbursements indicate the excellent work being done by the Board of Relief:—

Receipts.

From Assessments upon city Lodges	$ 8,353.89	
Refund from California	2,193 95	
From other Jurisdictions in the United States	5,516 29	
From Foreign Jurisdictions	443.95	
From the Grand Lodge	5,000.00	
Income from Johnson Bequest Fund and interest from banks, including balance of $70.34, balance of Johnson Bequest Fund not invested in bonds	1,411.40	
Total receipts	$22,919.48	
Balance on hand last report	$ 4,224.92	
		$27,144.40

Disbursements.

To Relief on account of California		$ 3,402.08	
To Relief for other Jurisdictions of U.S.		7,254.98	
To Relief Foreign Jurisdictions		1,125.18	
To Relief dimitted Masons		1,545.26	
To Relief Lodge unknown		362.50	
Total		$13,690.00	
Rent, salary and incidentals	$2,206.65		
Telephone and telegraph	120.66		
Donations to Employment Bureau	300.00		
Total		$ 2,627.31	
Total Disbursements			$16,317.20
Balance on hand			$10,827.20

Bro. Edward H. Hart, P.G.M. presented his fifth annual report on Fraternal Correspondence. The introduction to this admirable report covers 16 pages and after discussing the province of a correspondence report, deals at considerable length with the leading questions under consideration in almost every Grand Lodge. He disapproves of Grand Lodge enacting laws upon the so-called "liquor question," whereby Subordinate Lodges are forbidden to receive or consider petitions for Degrees or applications for membership of those more or less directly engaged in the liquor traffic. This he calls class legislation, and an infrigement on the prerogative of the Subordinate Lodge. He also disapproves of the movement for the erection of a memorial building at Alexandria, Va., in honor of George Washington, the Mason.

M.W. Bro. John D. Murphey ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. John Whicher ----------Grand Secretary

CANADA.

58th Annual. Ottawa, July 16th, 1913.

Four Especial Communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, were held, and presided over

by M.W. Bro. Aubrey White, Grand Master. They were called for the purpose of laying the corner stones of the Y.M.C.A. at Sault Ste. Marie, the Masonic Temple at Ottawa, the St. Philips Church at Unionville, and the North Augusta Methodist Church at North Augusta.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge. R.W. Bro. A. J. Young, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was also present.

An address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Nelson, Acting Mayor of the City of Ottawa, and the Grand Master thanked the deputation for the kind words of welcome.

Out of 429 Warranted Lodges on the register, 202 were represented by their regular officers, 80 by proxy and 21 by Past Masters, a total of 353 Lodges represented.

The Annual address of the Grand Master is one of the best it has ever been my privilege to read. It is concise, yet comprehensive, and presented in good literary form. He makes fitting reference to the tragedy of the Antarctic seas, in which Captain Scott and his four companions met their death, and to the loss of human life through the horrors of war then raging in the Balkans. He also makes especial reference to the loss sustained by Masonry through the death of two distinguished members of the Craft in the persons of the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and Senator John V. Ellis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The brethren of this Grand Lodge are to be congratulated upon having raised the sum of one hundred thousand dollars by voluntary subscriptions from the members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, for the purpose of establishing a permanent benevolent fund, which they intend to invest and use the interest to supplement the benevolence of Grand Lodge. The expenditure for benevolence during the year was $29,108 from the Grand Lodge Funds proper, and $4,727 from the Semi-Centennial Fund. This together with about $18,000 expended by the private Lodges for benevolent purposes makes a total of nearly $52,000, which the Masons of the Province of Ontario have expended for charitable purposes.

Grand Master White granted dispensations for eleven new Chapters during the year.

The following rulings of the Grand Master will be of interest to the brethren of this Jurisdiction:—

"10. He was asked if a Lodge could continue its order of business until completed, even if it should extend beyond 12 o'clock, midnight. He ruled that when a Lodge commences business, acording to the notice on the circular, it can continue until it finishes the business, whatever it may be, even though it entends beyond 12 o'clock p.m.

"16. He ruled that it was un-constitutional for a Master to be obliged to appoint his offices on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes of his Lodge.

"17. At the installation of a Worshipful Master a brother asked that a ballot be taken to confirm the choice. The Installing Master refused to take a ballot, but took a vote in the usual Masonic manner and proceeded with the installation. The question was: 'Was the brother not entitled to have a vote by show of hands as to whether a ballot should be taken to confirm the choice.' As a majority approved the choice, he ruled that the Installing Master was right, and that a vote by ballot confirming the Master's election was not necessary.

"18. Two different applications came up to him in reference to the initiation, passing and raising of candidates at Lodges of Instruction. He ruled that a candidate could not be initiated at a Lodge of Instruction. A Lodge of Instruction has no inherent powers to initiate or confer Degrees. He did not enter upon any further explanations because in looking into the matter he found that M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson had so ruled and that Grand Lodge had adopted and approved his ruling.

"20. A candidate for initiation reached that part of the ceremony where he was taken to the Wardens to show that he was in possession of the secrets of the Degree. He was then taken ill and could not proceed. He ruled that having been obligated and in possession of the secrets, he was initiated and entitled to receive his second Degree."

M.W. Bro. John E. Wright, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were welcome vistors at one of the sessions of this Grand Lodge.

The proceedings contain complete reports of the work done by the twenty-one D.D.G.M.s of this Grand Jurisdiction. Much of the success which seems to be general throughout the Province

is due to the faithful and untiring efforts of these Rt. Worshipful Brethren. Their reports emphasize the necessity of 'the prompt dispatch of business, and ceremonial without delay or hesitancy; the conferring of one degree well, rather than several poorly; the importance of making Masons, Masons, rather than making men Masons; the fact that so-called subordinate officers are of vital importance to the success of the work; the revision of all by-laws to date; the examination of those who have received the Third Degree, in justice to themselves, and the universal adoption through the district of the membership per capita tax to defray the expense of the D.D.G.M., and the Annual Lodge of Instruction.'

"There are 432 Lodges and 53,699 members in the Grand Lodge of Canada.

"The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. T. Freed, P.G.M., an esteemed friend of former years.

"He devoted two pages of his excellent review to the Proceedings of Alberta for 1912, and was good enough to state regarding our initial effort, that 'he starts out with the correct idea of a reviewer's duty, and carries it out with judgment and ability.'"

M.W. Bro. W. D. McPherson ----------Grand Master

R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn ----------Grand Secretary

CONNECTICUT.

125th Annual. New Haven, Feb 5th, 1913.

Nine Emergent Communcations were held during the year; three for the purpose of laying corner stones of public buildings, and six others to dedicate Lodge rooms. The Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of New Haven, on February 5th and 6th, 1913.

Grand Master Justice Holden has been very fortunate in the selection of the District Deputies, judging from the excellent work done by them in their various districts, during the year.

The following questions were asked and answered by the Grand Master as follows:—

"QUESTION. It is proper for a brother in making a motion for appointment of committees to incorporate the names of brothers to compose the committee, and is the Master justifed in refusing to entertain such motion?

"ANSWER. It is the prerogative of the Master of a Masonic Lodge to appoint all committees and to be ex officio the chairman thereof. Therefore, it is not proper for a brother to name those who are to compose a committee in making such a motion, and the Master is justified in refusing to take cognizance thereof.

"QUESTION. In examining the result of a ballot the J.W. and S.W. declare the ballot 'not clear'; it reaches the W.M. and he also declares it 'not clear in the East,' but fearing some brother had unwittingly cast a black ball, ordered a new ballot. Was the Master within his prerogative in so doing after saying 'not clear in the East', although he did not declare the petition rejected, nor seal his announcement with a blow of the gavel?

"ANSWER. The Master was within his prerogative, although the words 'not clear in the East" were better not said

"QUESTION. A member stricken from the roll for N.P.D. three or four years ago has paid his indebtedness and petitioned for membership which was refused. Has the brother a right to sit in Lodge and what is the proper course for him to pursue to regain membership?

"ANSWER. Under existing regulations of the Grand Lodge, the brother cannot be permitted to visit any Lodge. He may petition for reinstatement as often as he desires, not waiting six months as required in other cases.

"QUESTION. Can a Lodge vote upon an application for reinstatement at the same Communication in which it is received?

"ANSWER. No. Every petition for membership in any Masonic Lodge must lie upon the table at least until the next stated Communication, not less than two weeks."

By request of the Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden submitted a report of his Masonic work during the year. This is an innovation for which there does not seem to be much necessity,

as he has no official capacity, except when acting under the instruction of the Grand Master, and in such cases he should immediately report to him the duties which he has performed

The total receipts for the year were $29,060.99; total number of members 24,281; number subject to Grand Lodge dues, 20,740 The average membership of the 110 Lodges is 218. Hartford Lodge, No. 88, is the largest Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction. It has 950 members; 45 candidates were initiated during the year. Gain in membership 547.

The Committee on Finance presented the following resolutions, which were adopted by Grand Lodge:—

"RESOLVED, First, that there be required to be paid to the Grand Lodge from each Lodge in this Jurisdiction the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents ($1.25) for each member upon its roll of membership, ninety cents ($0.90) of this per capita to be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation, and thirty-five cents ($0 35) for defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge.

"Second, that in estimating their membership, all members may be deducted who have been in good standing thirty years, but we recommend that all such members be notified that it is their privilege to contribute so much to the cause of charity.

"Third, that each Lodge in this Jurisdiction be required to remit to the Grand Secretary five dollars ($5.00) for each and every initiate and affiliate from Sister Jurisdictions during the year, which amount in toto shall be appropriated for the purposes of the Masonic Charity Foundation."

The special committee appointed to recommend a mark of appreciation of M.W. Bro. Havens' services as Grand Secretary and in other capacities, submitted the following report which was adopted:—

"RESOLVED: That M.W. Bro. Frank W. Havens be by vote of this Grand Body, elected and given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus, and that an annual salary of $1000 be paid him during the remainder of his life."

Bro. Havens was Grand Master during the year 1898. As Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee he prepared

a brief Correspondence Report covering 52 pages. We hope to find Alberta on his list next year.

M.W. Bro. Wilbur S. Comstock ----------Grand Master
M W. Bro. George A Kies ----------Grand Secretary

DELAWARE.

108th Annual. Wilmington, Oct. 1st, 1913.

Grand Master, Edward G. Walls, although ill for over four months, visited all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction except one, during the year.

There are 22 Lodges with a total membership of 3,358, in this Grand Jurisdiction.

No deaths, either of Grand Lodge officers or members, took place during the year.

Fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and Delaware were established and an exchange of representatives was agreed upon.

A contribution of $150 was made to assist their brethren in the State of Ohio, who had lost everything by the overflowing of the Ohio River.

The Masonic Home of Delaware has eight inmates, four men and four women In this number are two married couples. The financial statement of the Masonic Home Fund shows that the total resources are $28,291.89, with no liabilities.

The following regulations were adopted by Grand Lodge:—

"All candidates, before receiving any part of the Three Degrees of Masonry, shall pay in addition to the sum required by the by-laws for initiation, the sum of $7.00 for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

"All brothers who shall apply for membership by dimit (except those who have already subscribed to this fund) shall, before signing the by-laws, pay the sum of $7.00 for the maintenance of the Masonic Home.

"This money shall be paid to the Grand Secretary before June 30th, of each year, and to take effect on and after January 1, 1913."

The following were the estimates for the year 1914:—

Grand Master's Contingent Fund	$150.00
Grand Secretary's salary	300.00
Grand Secretary's office expenses	150.00
Chairman of Foreign Correspondence	100.00
Instructors in Lodges of Instruction	225.00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	100.00
Rent of banquet hall	25.00
Masonic Relief Association dues	20.00
Apron and Jewel for Past Grand Master	32.00
Services of Grand Tyler	25.00
Printing Proceedings of Grand Lodge	500.00
Dinners during Grand Lodge Session	500.00
Transfer to Grand Reserve Fund	200.00
For Contingencies	191.72
	$2,518.72

Bro. Harry Jones Guthrie, P.G.M., prepared the excellent report on Foreign Correspondence. It includes a complete review of the proceedings of Alberta for 1911.

M.W. Bro. Frank B. Massey ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. V. V. Harrison ---------- Grand Secretary

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

103rd. Annual. Washington, Dec. 17, 1913.

This Grand Lodge elected to honorary membership Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and Bro. J. W. Chetwode Crawley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and bestowed upon each the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, as a recognition of eminent services rendered to Masonry.

Fraternal recognition was accorded the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands.

A generous contribution of $1,917.00 was made by the Masons of the District of Columbia towards the relief of the Ohio flood sufferers.

Regarding the Masonic clubs in the Grand Jurisdiction the Grand Master says:—

> "The objects of these organizations are perhaps somewhat misunderstood. They are not clubs in the ordinary acceptation of that term—that is, they are not formed for the sole purpose of individual pleasure and amusement. While they do aim to cultivate mutual social enjoyment, they also, by their own methods, endeavour to develop a closer acquaintance and friendship with those with whom they come in contact in their daily labors for their mutual benefit. By well organized committees they are able to look after the sick and to administer relief and comfort to those in need. By this system they are afforded opportunities to cultivate closer fraternal relations than they otherwise might, and are thus enabled to exhibit to each other the fullest measure of Masonic fellowship."

An appropriation of $100 was made to the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

The total membership is 9,599 being a net increase of 282 during the year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. George W. Baird, P.G.M., is replete with valuable information.

We quote in full what he says in his concluding remarks on the difficulties in certain Grand Jurisdictions with Italian Masons:—

> "The erection of lodges, by the Grand Orient of Italy, in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc., is admirably exposed in a letter from M.W. Brother Charles Smith, Grand Master in New York, to Ettore Ferari, Grand Master in Italy, dated 14th November, 1912.
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> "The subject, Brother Smith says, 'is not a new one, but was taken up years ago and a thorough investigation made by a committee,' and he makes it clear that this has prevented the interchange of representatives which goes with formal recognition
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> "The result is that the Grand Master in New York has interdicted the visitation of the members of Italian Lodges to any and all of the regular lodges in New York state.
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> "Italians in more than one state have asked to erect regular lodges where the ritual may be rendered in the Italian language; but there is trouble in securing a satisfactory unwritten translation; there is trouble in understanding whether or not any innovations are made in the rendition, and trouble

in making the essential inspections. Each and every Masonic jurisdiction believes its ritual to be the true and correct one and that all others are errors.

"It is said that in New York City only 18 per cent. of the population can claim colonial or revolutionary ancestry; that there are more Germans than in any one city in Germany; more Irish than Germans and more Italians than Irish. The Irish discovered New York after it had become a success and the Italians have discovered the Irish and together they have discovered the polls. They have driven the coffin of the Republic full of nails and are now driving spikes in the coffin of Freemasonry.

"The Grand Orient of Italy claims fraternal relations with France, Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Norway, Switzerland, Hungary, Turkey, Egypt, Siberia, Argentine, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Porto Rico, Peru, Santo Domingo, San Salvador, Paraguay, Venezuela, Columbia, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand and several of the North American Grand Lodges.

"We used to brag about 'Americanizing' the foreigners, but where they outnumber us they have turned the tide the other way; they elect their men to municipal, state and federal offices even, and have learned how to pledge their delegations."

M.W. Bro. T. J. Newton ----------Grand Master
R.W Bro. Arvine W. Johnston ----------Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

84th Annual. Jacksonville, Jan. 21st, 1913.

The corner-stones of the Supreme Court and Railroad Commission Building at Tallahassee, and of the Gadsden County Court House were laid by M.W. Bro. Gilchrist during the year.

Bro. R. Harry Cooper, Grand Representative of Alberta was present at the Annual Convocation.

Ten dispensations were granted to confer degrees before the lapse of one month from date of the former one, and three of these were granted so as to have a candidate for exemplification at a Convention or Grand Visitation. Surely this is not sufficient reason for allowing a violation of this fundamental law of Freemasonry. In many jurisdictions the mere fact that the candidate is about

to leave the State is not accepted as justification for the issuing of a dispensation. Seven were granted by the Grand Master for this purpose.

He also granted a dispensation to a certain lodge to publicly install the officers on December 27, at the Newberry Baptist Church and stated:—

> "As a general proposition no installation should take place in a Church Masons are members of various denominations, some are not Christians. There are times, however, in which such can be done and that without peril."

We wonder what "times" our brother had in mind when he penned this statement.

He refused a dispensation to lay the corner-stone of a completed Church on Sunday. One can scarcely imagine a body of Masons making such a request.

Thirty-five decisions, covering fourteen pages, form part of the Grand Master's report.

The reports of the twenty-seven D.D.G.M.'s. are very brief Little information can be gleaned from them, and much of their work was left undone.

This Grand Lodge is looking forward to the establishment of a Masonic Home and Orphanage. They have funds on hand to the extent of $19,563.06 for that purpose.

The following are some of the resolutions presented by the Committee on Propositions and Appeals, and subsequently adopted by Grand Lodge:—

> "RESOLVED, That it is the wish of this Grand Lodge upon the death of any Grand Master or Past Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, that it be permitted to erect a monument to his memory at the grave and inscribe thereon the dates during which he served as Grand Master. And that upon such death it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to immediately communicate with the family of the deceased and request the aforesaid privilege."

> "RESOLVED, That smoking in the Lodge room during business or conferring of degrees is undignified and therefore should be prohibited by the Worshipful Master."

The mileage and per diem allowance to members of Grand Lodge amounted to $3,969.52.

There are 219 active lodges having a total membership of 10,794 in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Correspondence Report was prepared by Bro. Silas B. Wright, P.G.M. It covers over 200 pages and is replete with useful information. In his concluding remarks he says:—

> "To be a Mason and hail fellow well met and to have others call him 'Brother' is to many aspirants the height of their ambition in Masonry. They rush through until they wear the fez and claim to be a 'shriner.'
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> "What do such know of Masonry? It were better that, as in some continental countries, there were a considerable interval of time between the degrees and that the candidate be required to know something of the meaning of what he hears and sees.
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> "Keep the Blue Lodge ever before you, much as you may admire the rest of the degrees. Your faithful discharge of your duty to God and man is amply inculcated in the first three degrees.
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> "We do not decry the value of the tenets and teachings of the various branches of Masonry. They are all valuable and teach important lessons. They should not be considered as a detraction from or allowed to overshadow the Blue Lodge."

M.W. Bro. George B. Glover----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Wilber P. Webster----------Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

127th Annual. Macon, Oct. 28th, 1913.

The Annual Address of M.W. Bro. Colding, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia is an excellent one. Referring to the Masonic Home, he says:—

> "Life without charity would be as a sky without brilliants, earth without verdure, ocean without motion, man without soul. Satan hates the most of all her soft, entwining loveliness, 'for the powers of hell cannot prevail against her.' As after the rude storm has spent its fury 'gainst the fixity of the firmament, the luminous moon emerges from behind curtained

clouds to bathe the earth in silvery radiance, so does this benignant goodness penetrate and permeate those buffeted by misfortunes and oppressions, and who are solely defrauded of life's pro rata.

"The eye of Omnipotence lighting upon this erratic orb—the chosen battle ground of fiend and angel—lingers not lovingly on scenes of mirth and revelry, in palace grand, castles bold and mansion gorgeous, nor upon the sky scraping edifices where scheming selfishness weaves its web of guile; not upon brazen monuments and marbled shaft, perpetuate of the memories of warriors and statesman; nor upon the rich treasures where are and science have stored their haughty harvests; nor upon leaning Pisa, crumbling Colliseum, nor the time outlasting Pyramid; but with what smiling benediction does He note the orphans' home, where His motherless lambs are shepherded, and also those places where the aged and infirm whose worn and blistered feet can no longer tramp the highway unaided have found a haven and a refuge.

"Our Home is a monument to the present generation and I bespeak for it a liberal appropriation for the proper continuation of the work we have so nobly started and which we so proudly maintain."

Two emergent Convocations of Grand Lodge were called for the purpose of laying the corner stones of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Masonic Temple, both at Savannah.

Notwithstanding the fact that there was sickness in the home of the Grand Master during the whole year, he visited many of the subordinate lodges and found them united and prosperous.

The concluding paragraphs of the Grand Master's address on the four cardinal virtues are well worthy of a place in this review; We quote them in full:—

FORTITUDE.

"What a grand attribute is the cardinal virtue Fortitude. In the mythology of Ancient Rome, Truth clothed in white and flowing garments is presented as the mother of virtue, while at her feet, posed in loveliness, sweet Content and Beauty rest modest and serene; and as the Mason of today with becoming homage bows before her presence, his eyes looking back through the corridors of the past, follows her gaze until he beholds the warriors of old clad in the armor of self-reliance, bearing aloft the banner of self-control and wearing the brest plate of firm endurance. Against him temptation

rolls its waves in vain, trials strike but do not harm, evils charge but are repulsed, sorrow mock but calmly he resists and unbowed beneath the ills upon him plied endures and shrinks not, because the brave spirits are a balsam to themselves and there is a noblest of mind that heals their wounds beyond all salves. The Mason of today bestows upon this picture the reverence it so well deserves and in doing so he hears the sweet voice of truth declaring, how in this life the strong arm of Fortitude protects and defends her, the mother of Virtue.

"Fortitude, thou loveth to dwell in woman's heart and be the monitor of her pure life. In that blest abode thou art warmed by the glow of her fine ardor and fed upon the richness of her heavenly gentleness, in return for which thou inspireth her with a faith which can move mountains and provideth her with a heart of ever replenishing charity.

PRUDENCE.

"The virtue which regulates the Mason's life agreeable to the dictates of reason and enables him to wisely judge and prudently determine upon all things necessary for his safety and happiness. When temptations which ambition so seductively presents, when duplicity and falsehood in double strength would stop the tread of benevolent purposes, when worldly hopes appeal to lay aside the pursuit of Masonic knowledge and turn from the contemplation of those virtues whose perfumed wings breathe the air of Elysian Heights, let him remember the Masonic obligations he has taken and brush aside these enemies of man's soul and be faithful to the trust reposed in him.

TEMPERANCE.

"Our Ritual tells us that Temperance leads to the due restraint of our passions and affections which renders the body tame and governable and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. It is indeed a virtue without pride; a fortune without envy; is equally the guardian of youth and the support of age Without it no man, I care not what his attributes of mind, powers of logic, eloquence of speech, can be trusted to exercise its companion virtue Justice with discretion and safety. The temperate mind is ever discreet—no unruly passions assail it, no visionary schemes pervert it. The eye clear to see the right, the brain calm to sway it and the heart brave to enforce it, will execute in mercy every requirement of that Justice which when thus administered weeps with the sufferer, but with no lighter hand applies the punishment.

JUSTICE.

"The virtue which follows upon Temperance is said to denote the boundary of right, constituting the cement of civil society. 'The inhumanity of man to man which makes countless thousands mourn' is but the natural offspring of injustice. Not the injustice alone which swears away life, takes property, strikes down the innocent and oppresses the weak, but that injustice to truth which with a potent spell holds back the man from swearing to his own hurt, induces an effort to make the worse appear the better part and plates sin with gold so that against it the strong lance hurtless breaks

"Justice which seeks for its end the ascertainment of truth and the administration of that system of impartiality, which renders unto each man that which should be his due and takes from him nothing which is his; Justice that knows no distinction, but even-handed holds the scales and endeavors to find where lies the right; Justice in thought, Justice in act, Justice in speech; Justice that curves the rash opinion and stills the hasty words of condemnation; Justice that holds before it at all time and under all circumstances that one mighty and great word, Truth.

"Then my Brethren, let's make the practice of these cardinal virtues a part of our lives. We were first taught the lessons they teach when we stood in the Northeast corner measuring our upward path under the guidance and protecting care of the Master

"Each may well be likened unto the seed which when cast upon the ground gives to mother earth first a coat of beautiful verdure and afterwards the ripened grain. Each is a beautiful gem of purest ray serene, each is a beautiful thread of gold from which the perfect pattern of a Mason shall be formed."

Dispensations were granted to form seven new lodges during the year.

Steps are being taken to unify the ritualistic work of this Grand Jurisdiction A Committee was appointed to prepare a standard work for the Craft Masons of Georgia.

We are surprised to learn that many brethren in this Jurisdiction were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, for non-payment of dues This is the first time in all our Masonic experience, we have known of such drastic measures being taken for this offence. This list is followed by another for habitual

drunkenness, and for gross unmasonic conduct. All treated alike. This reminds us of medieval days in England when over two hundred crimes were punishable by death.

There are 660 chartered lodges in Georgia. The total membership is 38,425 a net gain of 1619 during the year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. Chas. L. Bass, Chairman of the Committee. He reviews forty-six proceedings in a very interesting manner. We regret that Alberta was not included in his review.

M.W. Bro. Robt. L. Colding----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. A. Wolihin----------Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

74th Annual. Chicago, Oct. 14th, 1913.

An excellent photo of M.W. Bro. Darrah, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois adorns the first page of the proceedings.

During the year dispensations were issued for the formation of eleven new lodges, and eleven Masonic Halls were dedicated.

In his annual address, the Grand Master makes the following interesting reference to the laying of cornerstones:—

> "During the year I have laid the corner-stones of two Masonic Temples, two hospitals, one library and two high school buildings. I have discouraged as much as possible the promiscuous laying of corner-stones, believing that such practice is not in accordance with the customs of Freemasonry. There is a growing sentiment that the ceremony should be confined to purely masonic buildings. Whatever may be the force of this argument, I am convinced that the Grand Lodge should more clearly define what is meant by 'acknowledged public structures' as outlined in the book of ceremonials. During the year I was asked to lay the corner-stone of a jail and when I demurred the argument was advanced that it was a public building erected with public funds. I declined to lay the corner-stone of a government building because of the fact that the authorities do not allow an inscription to be placed upon the corner-stone as required by our book of ceremonials. I also declined to lay the corner-stone of a commercial building being erected by a lodge, the upper floor of

which was to be used as a lodge room These matters are constantly coming up to the embarrassment of the Grand Master and oftentimes to the dissatisfaction of the brethren in charge. In order that we may come to a better understanding of the subject, I would ask that the question be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence with the request that they report back to this Grand Lodge the nature and scope of the corner-stone ceremonial and the character of buildings which it considers proper for the Grand Lodge to recognize."

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, stated:—"We are of the opinion that no Grand Master ever has or ever will abuse the power vested in him and that each Grand Master has the authority to decide for himself as each case presents itself."

Under the heading "Limit of Expense" the Grand Master says:

"Sometimes a Lodge finds it necessary to direct a Lodge in a neighboring jurisdiction to care for its sick or bury its dead. Very often this direction is transmitted by telegraph, but no limit is placed upon the amount to be expended. The result is, that the Lodge charged with the responsibility runs up a bill far beyond the expectation of the Lodge affected. When the time of settlement comes there is much of ill feeling and the Grand Masters of the several States involved find themselves drawn into the controversy in an effort to affect a settlement. This subject received consideration at the recent conference of Grand Masters at Indianapolis, and it was agreed that where a Lodge is directed to care for a sick brother or bury the dead for another Lodge, and no specific amount is mentioned to be expended, that the Lodge doing this work shall be limited to an expenditure of $100, unless it has specific directions otherwise. I believe that this is a very wise measure and that the Grand Lodge should get the matter before the Lodges of the State in such a manner that they will understand what limitations are placed about them in matters of this kind."

Again the Grand Master deprecates the spirit of extravagance which prevails among the Lodges of today, in these words:—

"I am convinced that there is a growing spirit of extravagance among the Lodges of today. Their reports show that large sums of money are being expended for banquets, cigars, jewels and other things. In one particular Lodge, which came under my notice, I found that the Master had

been made the recipient of money, a jewel and a handsome solid silver service, and for no other reason than that of being a good fellow. Of course the next Master is looking for something better and the story never ends. It is true that the Lodge earns the money, and should therefore be permitted to spend it as it wills, but it should also be remembered that Freemasonry is a society organized for mutual benefit and that masonic dues and fees are collected for the care of a distressed brother, his widow and orphans and for the purpose of carrying forward the legitimate functions of the Lodge."

It was recommended by the G.M. that the minimum fee for the Degrees in the City of Chicago be fixed at $75.00.

The Grand Master's remarks on **Intemperance** should be read by every brother throughout the jurisdiction.

"The world judges men by their works. Masons are known among mankind by four cardinal virtues, the first of which is temperance. Temperance as taught in Masonry is not a narrow term. It means that we learn to subdue our passions and be moderate in life and desire. It does not mean simply abstinence from strong drink, but temperance in all things, in thoughts, words and actions. Plainly speaking it means that instead of going into the highways and byways, and mounting on the hill tops to proclaim a brother's shortcomings we go to him in private, and whisper good counsel in his ear and give him that correction which his error demands We pay strict regard for the rights of others so long as they relate to the law of property, and the preservation of life, but when it comes to a man's reputation we are not always so careful, and the abandon with which Masons peddle idle gossip, leaving in their wake the slime of petty scandal and suspicion, and with seeming delight, blacken and destroy, regardless of crushed hearts and ruined homes, is apalling. Words intemperately spoken often cause more reproach to Masonry than intoxication. Let us banish from our assemblages those will-o'-the-wisp attendants on the court of Mrs. Grundy, 'They say,' 'I hear,' 'It is rumored.' I can do no better this morning than to quote from the matriculation sermon of President Hadley, for his words have a Masonic application: 'I do not know of any quality which is more needed in our public life, and in our preparation for public life than an absolute refusal to repeat unproved tales to the detriment of others. Many a man who would be ashamed to start gossip or slander is willing to repeat it. Many a man who would scorn to strike his neighbor behind his back is content to

stab his neighbor's reputation by the utterance of half truths, which are worse than lies in their effect. Our country needs citizens who are straightforward enough to tell the truth to themselves, charitable enough to think no ill of their neighbor, sound of judgment to value men and things for what they really are, strong of principle to sink the ideal of self in the ideal of duty' Let us write a new Masonic commandment and emblazon it on high· Cherish a brother's good name as you would have him cherish yours."

Grand Master Delmar D. Darrah enjoys the unusual distinction of being the only Mason who has succeeded his father as Grand Master of Illinois. His father M.W. Bro. Alexander T. Darrah filled this exalted position in the years 1886 and 1887.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, and invited an exchange of Representatives.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the total assets in the treasury to be $190.869.09.

The following statistical report shows the work done by the Grand Lodge of Illinois:—

Net gain in membership	7,138
Membership June 30th, 1913	122,233
Number of chartered Lodges	815
Number residing in Illinois	108,916
Non-resident members	13,131
Number initiated	10,099
Number passed	9,459
Received for dues for year, ending June 30th, 1913	$109,779.30
Contributed to members, their widows and orphans	48,941.00
Contributed to those not members	14,409.41
Contributed to Masonic Orphans' Home	1,994.45
Contributed to Masonic Home	1,259.35

The Report on Obituaries which covers 21 pages, is one of the best it has ever been my privilege to read. It includes the name of our beloved Past Grand Master J. J. Dunlop, who died June

12th, 1913. We quote the following beautiful lines referring to the Immortality of the Soul:—

"Ye stars that pierced the first chaotic gloom,
And sang your cosmic matins at the dawn,
Dust and decay is written for your doom;
I shall go on.

And thou, Oh sun, great tyrant of the sky,
Who countest worlds unnumbered as they spawn,
They light will falter, and they glory die,
I shall go on.

Ye worlds that are and worlds that yet may be,
Ye all shall pass forever and be gone,
I but return to that Infinity,
Claiming my own in His Divinity,
Yea I shall still go on."

The annual salaries paid the principal officers of Grand Lodge are as follows: Grand Master, $2500; Grand Treasurer, $400; Grand Secretary, $3000; Chairman of Foreign Correspondence Committee, $500.

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are very complete and reflect great credit on Bro. Isaac Cutter, the Grand Secretary.

The Review of Sister Grand Lodges is the work of Bro. Owen Scott, P.G.M. In his prelude he gives the following classification of Masonry:—

"The False and the True.

"True Masonry and its quasi imitators—sometimes called Universal Masonry—may be classified in three groups. These are:—

"1. Anglo-Saxon. Here may be found the only pure and genuine branch, standing squarely on all the essentials commonly called landmarks. This group embraces England, 2,768 Lodges; Ireland, 460; Scotland, 712; Australia, with 7 grand and 732 constituent Lodges; the United States, with 59 grand and 15,000 constituents, and Canada with 6 governing bodies with 752 Lodges. This gives a total of over 20,000 Lodges and a membership of a little over 2,000,000. All these are the direct descendants of the Grand Lodge of England formed in 1717, and built firmly on belief in God and the Bible as the great light.

"2. The Germanic includes Germany with 8 grand bodies and 490 local Lodges and 5 independents at Leipzig; Denmark, 12 Lodges; Sweden, 37; Norway, 15; Hungary, 68; and Luxemburg, numbers not given. The totals for this group are about 630 Lodges and membership approximating 82,000 Illinois is not in fraternal relation with the Germanics because of their want of adherence to one or more of the fundamentals of Craft Masonry.

"3 The Latin group embraces France, 535 Lodges; Italy, 300; Spain, 80; Portugal, 100; Greece, 15; Switzerland, 34; and all the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients of Central and South America. There is a total here of about 1,500 Lodges and 60,000 members.

"In the foregoing lists Holland does not appear because it has been recognized by our Grand Lodge. It would, by language at least, be included in the Germanic group Holland has 95 Lodges. Owing to fundamental defects in essentials the German and Latin groups are not regular and are not recognized by most of the Anglo-Saxon authorities. France and her satellites are most under condemnation because of her atheistic tendencies and the invasion of occupied Masonic territory. It will be seen that the Germanic and Latin groups claim but 142,000, while the Anglo-Saxon bodies have more than 2,000,000 adherents. It is easy, therefore, to see that the substantial foundation upon which English speaking Masons stand appeals most strongly to men in all lands."

M.W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Isaac Cutter ----------Grand Secretary

INDIANA.

92nd Annual. Indianapolis, May 27th, 1913.

For one hour previous to the opening of Grand Lodge the time was devoted to music by the Masonic Quartette, and to an address by M.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, on Masonic Economy. The whole address is well worthy a place in our proceedings. Unfortunately

lack of space forbids this. We have pleasure, however, in quoting in full the concluding paragraphs:—

"In this money-mad age, when men are bowing down before the golden calf and worshipping the god of mammon, the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons is teaching a most important lesson. Every candidate who passes through our forms and ceremonies is confronted with an emblem, a sheaf of corn suspended near a waterfall and is told that it represents plenty. Plenty, according to our Masonic standard, is corn and water, or in other words bread and water. Did you ever stop to think that if you are provided with these things you have what the Creator of heaven and earth intended that you should have, and whatever else you may acquire in life are merely accidents and incidents. For with bread to eat and water to drink you have the essentials of life.

"But we are fast losing sight of the bounds of plenty, and it is today a term without limitations. The luxury of one day becomes the necessity of the next, and we go on from day to day endeavoring to add to our material possessions and overlooking the higher things of life. Plenty has become like the fabled pot of gold on the end of the rainbow. We rush madly forward, thinking that we have found it, only to discover that it is farther away on the horizon.

"The sum total of human happiness is expressed in the wages of a Fellowcraft—plenty, health and peace. If a man has plenty—which means bread and water—health and peace, he has drawn the wages of life according to the standards of Masonry. For no matter what your bank account may be, no matter what your accumulation of stocks and bonds may be, no matter what your acreage of lands may be, if you haven't health and peace, human life offers but very little.

"But the trouble is that very few of us know the value of plenty, and thus we go on from day to day seeking to take on everything about us without stopping to consider whether or not it contributes to the development of mind and soul. Take the cabbage of the garden, which grows in your back yard, that common, ordinary cabbage which finds its finale in the sauer kraut barrel; do you know that that cabbage teaches mankind a most important lesson? Do you know that that cabbage will take unto itself just those elements which nourish it and contribute to its growth and development and nothing more? And this morning I declare to you that in this age of boasted enlightenment we need a little vegetable sense. Now, when anyone calls you a cabbage head do not

become angry, but take it as a compliment, particularly if you possess the virtues of the cabbage, because the cabbage knows when it has enough, and in that respect it outclasses men.

"What is the lesson of the world in this matter of plenty? One morning twenty-five centuries ago a figure clad in mail and wearing a regal crown could be seen standing on the western shore of the Indian Ocean, gazing with intense longing across that waste of waters, wondering whether in those unknown spaces there were not other worlds peopled with mighty nations. There is no more pathetic spectacle in all history than that of Alexander the Great weeping and wailing and beating upon his breast in agony because there were no more worlds to conquer. Alexander conquered the then known world, but it brought him neither peace nor health, because he did not know the value of plenty, and he died in a drunken revelry in the streets of Babylon.

"Napoleon Bonaparte did not know when he had enough. After subduing France he started out to conquer the balance of Europe. He met his Waterloo under Wellington and learned the lesson of plenty upon the lonely island of St. Helena.

"Do you remember the story of the miser you used to read about in your old Fifth Reader? This man, by extortion and penury, had amassed a fortune. He refused to lend it or make any use of it whatever, and kept it in a vault under his house. Access to this vault was had through a trap door with a spring lock on the outside. One day the miser went down into his vault to gloat over his treasure and forgot and left the key in the spring lock on the outside. While jingling his precious coin, making sweet music in his ears, the trap door fell and the spring lock fastened the door securely, and when the miser found that he was locked in with his treasure, with no means of escape, then what did he say? 'A thousand ducats for a glass of water; ten thousand ducats for a loaf of bread.' But the mockery of his own voice was his only answer, and he perished a miserable death with all his precious treasure. He learned the lesson of plenty too late.

"There is not a passing day that you do not read in the newspaper of some trusted official misappropriating funds entrusted to his care. Many of these men drew princely salaries, but, not knowing when they had enough, not knowing the value of plenty, they sought to enhance their fortunes with other people's moneys. The federal prisons of this land

are crowded with men, health gone, peace ruined, learning the bitter lesson of plenty. The happiest people in the world today are those in moderate circumstances who are compelled to labor to maintain that condition of life. If Masonry taught no other lesson that the one it is teaching in reference to the matter of plenty, it proves its right to existence, for the lesson is one which this world must sooner or later learn.

"A mere hint of what the world owes Masonry is shown in a statement of the highest authority that the recent awakening in Persia commences with the introduction of Freemasonry in that country. That nation which seemed hopelessly benighted and without any desire to rise to a position of self-government, began to grasp the idea of the value of the individual and of the common right of all to stand upon the same level.

"Now, I do not say that Freemasonry is responsible for all the progress that has been made in the world along social and economic lines, yet I do assert that the teachings, principles and philosophy of Freemasonry are in direct line with the progress that is being made in the world today. We are not the only pioneers in social and moral uplift. There are other instrumentalities to each of which Masonry is a zealous handmaiden. The fact can not be denied that our Craft is a centre of light throughout the world, casting its radiance upon humanity in whatever condition found, pointing ever upward to higher ideals of character and government, to more perfect concepts of fraternity and progress, heralding the coming of that glorious era of peace on earth and brotherhood among men."

Seven lodges were constituted, five halls dedicated and seventeen corner-stones laid by M.W. Bro. Gay or his Deputies during the year.

During the month of March, the State of Indiana was visited with a very disastrous flood which caused considerable loss of life and an immense amount of damage to property and homes. The Officers of Grand Lodge joined with those of the Subordinate Lodges in extending immediate aid to those requiring relief, and the Grand Master reported that everyone was properly cared for. Many Sister Grand Jurisdictions offered sympathy and material aid, but the good brethren of Indiana were able to meet all demands without outside assistance.

Steps are being taken to erect and maintain a Masonic Home in Indiana. Already the Masons have contributed $79,750.19 for

that purpose. It is estimated that there would be about six hundred applicants as soon as the Home is built, and that the average assessment would be about 75c per capita, for maintenance only. It was agreed to build the Home on the cottage plan and enlarge as the necessities of the case demand.

For the fifteenth time, Bro. Daniel McDonald prepared the Foreign Correspondence report. Bro. McDonald has the distinguished honor of being an active Masonic worker for the past fifty-two years and the oldest living Past Grand Master in Indiana. Although over eighty years of age, he wields a ready pen and his reviews are interesting throughout. As a token of love and appreciation, Grand Lodge voted an honorarium of two hundred dollars to Bro. McDonald in addition to his anual allowance of three hundred dollars for services as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The total membership on January 1st, 1913, was 63,035, a net increase of 2,867 during the year.

M.W. Bro. John W. Hanan ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Clavin W. Prather ---------- Grand Secretary

IOWA.

70th Annual. Council Bluffs, June 10, 1913.

A beautiful cut of the Library Building adorns the cover of the Proceedings.

Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers and members of Grand Lodge assembled at 8:15 a.m. in front of the Grand Hotel, and conducted by Ivanhoe Commandery, marched to the Auditorium. Arangements were made whereby the citizens and members of the fraternity, together with the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, might have a portion of the gallery set apart for their use.

Addresses of Welcome were delivered by the Hon. Thomas Maloney, Mayor of Council Bluffs, and by Bro. David E. Stuart, on behalf of the Masons of the City.

The Grand Master responded briefly to these addresses, and then called upon Bro. J. E. Bromwell to respond on behalf of the

Grand Lodge assembled. After listening to a short musical program, all not members of the fraternity retired, prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge by M.W. Grand Master William Hutchinson.

The brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have been called upon to mourn the loss of four distinguished Past Grand Masters during the year.

The Grand Master granted dispensations to form two new Lodges.

He approves of the request of the Masons of Arkansas for financial assistance to build a sanitorium in the City of Hot Springs. This great health resort calls many of the Craft from different Jurisdictions to this City in the hope and belief that they may receive benefit from the curative properties of these springs. The Masons of this City propose to build a sanitorium costing about $100,000 and seek assistance from other Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Master Hutchinson upon learning of the disastrous cyclone in Nebraska, and the calamitous floods in Ohio and Indiana, immediately sent a cheque for $700 to aid these needy brethren.

This Grand Lodge enacted a law on border jurisdictions providing that when a contiguous Grand Jurisdiction has or shall enact a like provision and give its concurrence thereto, that a Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction could receive the petition of a resident of such Grand Jurisdiction for membership, either by affiliation or petition for degrees, in any case where the petitioner lives nearer to said Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction, than to a Lodge in the Jurisdiction of his residence. If all other Jurisdictions would adopt a similar law, this vexed question would be settled for all time.

Under the heading of Physical Qualifications the Grand Master says:—

> "One case presented was a stiff knee which prevented kneeling; another was stiff ankles which prevented perfect use of the feet; another case was on account of the absence of the right thumb, and there were many cases of similar nature. These cases appealed to me strongly, and lead me to believe that we are a little technical on the question of physical qualifications. Many of the cases referred to me were concerning men of the highest character and of unusual intellectual strength. We preach and teach that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that Masonry regards, and

yet we are apt to overlook a little blight in the head, and we sometimes waive a little stain on the moral character, but we never overlook a stiff knee or the loss of a thumb or a foot, or the fact that the feet may not track in perfect alignment. We thus deny men of excellent moral character, big brains, and warm hearts, from becoming useful and influential members of the Order. It seems to me that it is wrong to deny good, strong, self-supporting men the privilege of becoming Masons because they suffer from some unfortunate physical defect."

The Grand Secretary, acting under instructions from Grand Lodge, procured a jewel for the use of special Deputy Grand Masters to be used by them on all occasions of laying corner-stones, dedications of halls, etc., in the event of the Grand Master not being present in person.

In the year 1892 the Grand Lodge of Iowa discontinued the practice of exchanging Grand Representatives with sister jurisdictions, and has since refused to reinstate the system.

The returns show 520 Lodges with a total membership of 47,585, an increase of 1,588 during the year.

Grand Master Hutchinson was presented with a Past Grand Master's apron and Jewel, and he in return presented the newly installed Grand Master with a signet ring, to be worn by him during his year of office and then transmitted to his successor.

Would that space permitted the copying of the Grand Chaplain's address in full. His subject was "The Ministry of Masonry." We quote his closing paragraph:—

"When is a man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows; yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees, and

the glint of sunlight on flowering waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Masonry has wrought her sweet ministry!"

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Charles C. Clark His masterly review not only marks him as a writer of literary excellence, but also as a true Mason. We were sorry to learn, upon reading his epilogue, that he intends to retire from the honorable fraternity known as The Knights of the Round Table. May his mantle fall upon as capable shoulders.

M.W. Bro. Frank B. Whitaker ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Newton R. Parvin ---------- Grand Secretary

IRELAND

Dublin, December 27th, 1913.

The front page of the proceedings is adorned by an excellent photo of the Right Honorable The Earl of Donoughmore, Deputy Chairman of the House of Lords, and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Charles A. Cameron, in his address to the Brethren stated that —

"It was a matter of great astonishment to me when, on a visit to Belfast along with many of the Brethren who are here present, we saw assembled the largest number of Freemasons, I suppose, that ever came together in this country. The occasion was the constitution of a new Lodge in Belfast, by our Grand Master. It is stated here in this report that two thousand Freemasons assembled in the largest hall that

could be got for the purpose in the great City of Belfast—namely, the Assembly Hall of the Presbyterian Church. The galleries and floor, every part of the building, were filled with representative bodies of Freemasons—a gathering which, whether viewed as Freemasons or as ordinary men, could not be excelled in any part of the world (hear, hear). It was with the utmost pride I looked around on that very remarkable occasion and saw that gathering of North of Ireland Freemasons.

"I think it would be a wise policy for us to have an occasional meeting of the Grand Lodge in the North of Ireland. We must remember that the North of Ireland Brethren comprise more than 50 per cent. of the total number of Freemasons in Ireland. In the City of Belfast alone there are over 113 Lodges, as against our 50 in Dublin. All through the northern towns we are sure to find a Masonic Lodge in places where there is a population of 1,000 and upwards, while in many of the towns of 4,000 and 5,000 population there are several."

The Masons of Ireland are justly proud of the benevolent work done by their brethren. They have two schools, one for girls and the other for boys. There is an attendance of 101 at each. At the annual examinations, nineteen girls were presented for examination and all passed, one obtaining honors. The percentage of passed for all Ireland in the same grade was 57 7. Twenty-seven boys were presented for examination and seventeen passed, being 63 per cent. of the total number, while 53 per cent. succeeded, for all Ireland in the same grades.

The subscriptions to these two schools during the year 1913 amounted to £4,410 2s 4d.

The Grand Master, in the exercise of his prerogative as provided in one of the By-laws of Grand Lodge, conferred the honorary rank of Past Grand Deacon upon three distinguished Masons, who had been instrumental in making the Masonic Province of South Africa so prosperous and harmonious. The recipients of this honor were Bros. Wm. M. Russell, James R. Lawrence and Henry Coates.

The reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges all show a steady prosperity, and a fraternal harmony which is most gratifying.

R.W. Bro. Hilton, Provincial Deputy Grand Master of Antrim, writes:—

"The 128 Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Provincial Grand Lodge are almost all in a flourishing condition both as to ritual working and adherence to the laws of Grand Lodge, there is also a marked advance in the interest taken in the cause of charity.

"The popularity of Freemasonry is still growing, and our Inspection Committee is fully occupied as evidenced by an increase of 900 members to our ranks during the year, making a total of 8,400.

"Two Provincial Grand Inspectors were appointed, W. Bros. W. Mehaffey of Ballymena, and J. Heron Lepper of Carrickfergus, both enthusiastic Brethren and well qualified to discharge the duties entrusted to them."

A special communication was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on March 31st, to install the Rr. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, as Grand Master, in succession to James, Duke of Abercorn, deceased. The late Duke of Abercorn occupied the exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for twenty-five years, and was one of three Dukes to occupy that high office during the last one hundred years.

The newly installed Grand Master makes the following very timely reference to one of the fundamental principles of our Order, especially in view of the unhappy condition existing in his country at the present time· "May the peaceful influence of our Irish Brethren be felt in what may be the greatest of all national calamities—a civil war"

The Grand Master says:—

"Under the head of brotherly love there comes a duty on us as Irish Freemasons which I think is special to Freemasonry in Ireland more than any other country that I know of. Brethren, it makes one unhappy the more one sees of Ireland, or reads of Ireland in the past, that there is no question that when Irish affairs are discussed, often between men conscientiously believing they were right—and with a great deal of right upon both sides—they have been fought out with a brutality or at any rate with an asperity of feeling that we Freemasons most cordially regret. Brethren, have we not an opportunity under the banner of brotherly love of doing something to soften the asperity of that feeling? I know, of course, that circumstances over which we have no control make it difficult for us to actively propogate our

doctrines in many directions; but, Brethren, there is always an enormous power in the force of example. By example, by conducting our controversies—and there must be controversies in the world—in a spirit of brotherly love, in a spirit to soften asperity of feeling, have not we Freemasons a special task that we might be proud to take the opportunity of performing. I believe, without in any way altering the ancient landmarks of the Order, we can keep that task in a prominent corner of our minds, and with this genial task added to the tasks that naturally suggest themselves to every Freemason, and which must be the cardinal points in our conduct through life, with this task in my mind I congratulate you most warmly and I thank you heartily for the kindness with which I have been allowed to take the first step along that path which your good-natured choice has decided that we should tread together."

M.W. Bro. The Earl of Donoughmore ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Lord Plunkett ---------- Grand Secretary

KENTUCKY.

113th Annual. Louisville, October 21, 1913.

Twenty-one Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by M.W. Bro. J. H. Ewalt, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in the opening paragraphs of his address says:—

"The following beautiful lines convey to my mind a true definition of Masonry:

"'The world has shadows enough, at best; its heart-aches call for comfort and peace—nor for any new tale of woe. Our mission is best fulfilled by scattering sunshine and cheer while we may; the night cometh soon.'

"If any little word of yours
May make a life the brighter,
If any little song of yours
May make a heart the lighter,
God help you speak the little word
And take your bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of yours
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of yours
May make a friend's the fleeter,
If any lift of yours may ease
The burden of another,
God give you love, and care, and strength
To help your toiling brother."

Anticipating the need of assistance in the flooded districts of Ohio, the Grand Master instructed the Grand Treasurer to immediately send $250 on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to the Grand Master of Ohio. Grand Lodge afterwards approved the action of the Grand Master.

Ninety-four visits to eighty-five Lodges were made by the Grand Master during his year of office. A very creditable showing indeed.

This Grand Lodge has an official organ called the Masonic Home Journal, which it owns and controls. The net cost of this paper after deducting receipts for advertisements is 15½ cents for each subscriber.

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows an expenditure of $100,787.63 and a balance on hand of $85,060.56.

The mileage and per diem allowance to the Officers and representatives of Grand Lodge amounted to $10,813.52.

The present membership of this Grand Lodge is 40,459, being a gain of 1,677 during the year.

317 pages of the proceedings are taken up with a complete list of all the Subordinate Lodges, including their officers and members

A very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. William W. Clarke, P.G.M. He concludes an excellent review with these words:—

> "The foregoing pages, if carefully read, as they ought to be, will disclose to the reader the gratifying fact that the great Order of Freemasonry, the world over, is making tremendous strides. Its numbers are phenomenally increasing; its funds mount into millions. Better, still, in its great work for humanity its achievements are glorious. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe guide and direct it to yet greater efforts of magnificent endeavor."

M.W. Bro. Orie S. Ware ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Dave Jackson ---------- Grand Secretary

MAINE.

94th Annual. Portland, May 6th, 1913.

The Constitution of this Grand Lodge now authorizes Lodges to form public processions for attendance upon divine service without special permission from the Grand Master.

Grand Master Spofford says: "The Constitution, as amended, permits to be done without a dispensation, that for which a dispensation was probably never denied."

He directed the Grand Treasurer to forward in the name of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the sum of five hundred dollars, to aid in the relief of the distressed brethren of Ohio.

The net gain during the year was 527, making a total membership of 29,872. The average Lodge membership is 147.15; the largest Lodge has 553 members.

The amount of the invested fund to the credit of the Charity Fund is $68,739.88. The question of the erection of a Masonic Home was indefinitely postponed.

Grand Lodge passed a resolution instructing the Grand Master to secure a loving cup or other suitable testimonial, for Brother Stephen Berry, who has served Grand Lodge for more than half a century in the positions of Assistant Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to note the discouragement given by many Grand Masters to "Church parades," and hope ere long to find that "public installations" will be past history.

The proceedings include a complete outline of the splendid work done by the twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters. Much of the success attending any Grand Jurisdiction depends upon the faithfulness of these officials who inspect the work in the Subordinate Lodges, and assist the Grand Master in his multitudinous duties.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by its author, Bro. Albro. E. Chase, P.G.M. We regret to find that the 1912 proceedings of Alberta did not reach him in time to be included in his excellent review.

M.W. Bro. Elmer P. Spofford ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Stephen Berry ---------- Grand Secretary

MANITOBA.

38th Annual. Winnipeg, June 11th, 1913.

Eleven Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. William Chambers, Grand Master. R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher, Grand Representative of Alberta, was present.

The corner stones of the Alexander Public School, St. Matthew's Church, Brandon, and St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, were laid by the officers of Grand Lodge during the year.

The Grand Master visited officially all the Districts, nine in number, and also a number of Subordinate Lodges. A Lodge of Instruction was held in every District. He recommends that no one should be selected for the office of D.D.G.M. who is not personally present at the meeting of Grand Lodge and be regularly installed at that time.

A dispensation was granted for the formation of Tecumseh Lodge, located at Roblin.

M.W. Bro. John Wemyss, P.G.M., was presented by Grand Lodge with a handsome chain collar and jewel.

The rank of Hon. Past Grand Master, with full privileges, was conferred on R.W. Bro. John W. Harris, Past Deputy Grand Master, for efficient services rendered to Grand Lodge during the past thirty-seven years.

The reports of the nine D.D.G.M.'s are complete and show that efficient work has been done by each. We are pleased to note that P.G.M. Ovas, Grand Secretary, was present at a number of district meetings, criticized the work, and delivered a Masonic address. The Grand Secretary is usually the best posted Mason in Grand Lodge and should be ready and willing to aid the Grand Master at all public functions.

The total membership on December 27th, 1912, was 6,455, being a net increase of 488 during the year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that no amendments to the Constitution have been proposed or submitted for consideration and that no appeals or questions of Masonic law had been referred to them. We congratulate our brethren on the universal peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The following are the credit balances as shown by the financial statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer:

Benevolent account	$ 3.31
Special account	66.15
Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	136.25
Current account	3,687.43
Investment account	25,200.00
Ledger accounts, Stock, etc.	4,893.38
	$33,986.52

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker ---------- Grand Master
M.W. Bro James A. Ovas ---------- Grand Secretary

MICHIGAN.

69th Annual. Lansing, May 27th, 1913.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, this Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. J. H. Thompson, Grand Master.

The Hon. J. G. Rentter, Mayor of the City of Lansing, who is himself a Mason, delivered an eloquent address of welcome to the members of Grand Lodge. R.W. Grand Chaplain responded to this address on behalf of the officers and brethren of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded to call the Roll of Honor, by reading the names of forty-one Past Grand Masters, giving the date when they occupied the Grand East, and the date of their death.

The corner-stones of five Masonic Temples were laid by the Grand Master during the year. The corner-stone of the Temple at Lapeer was laid one story above the ground, which was somewhat of an innovation. The many Temples completed and dedicated during the year is one of the many evidences of the growth and prosperity of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction

We quote the paragraph in the Grand Master's address relating to the Revision of the Ritual and Monitor which had just been completed by the Committee:—

> "Many of the older members of the fraternity, however, question the wisdom of having the revision made. We are living in a time of extraordinary unrest. No institution is free from the spirit of change, if only for the sake of change. Masonry is of ancient origin, and expressions of the ritualistic work which may have seemed antiquated and out of date are really one of its fascinations, and many had hoped that it would escape the ravages of the consuming desire for something different. As a youngster, I was taught to believe the Bible, and I believe it now as I believed it when a small boy, whale and all. There may be more modern theologies, and beliefs more up-to-date, but the old Book and its teachings are good enough for me. We do not love our friends for the kind of English they use, nor for their physical beauty. Their language is pleasing and their faces beautiful because they are our friends, so the old Monitor and old Ritual, through years of association, have become dear to us, and changes, even though admittedly good, seem almost sacrilegious. The old Monitor and old Ritual for me; and when agitation for another revision comes, as it surely will, I serve notice on you now, that I shall make a motion to re-adopt the ones just discarded, and shall feel confident of your unanimous support."

The aprons and jewels of this Grand Lodge were stolen while in the custody of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad Company. They were subsequently replaced with new ones by the Company without any expense to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain was voted a salary of $500 in addition to the mileage and per diem allowance.

The total membership of this Grand Lodge on January 1st, 1912, was 71,752. Life members 1,741.

A very complete report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary. It occupies 295 pages in the printed proceedings. The important acts of the various Grand Lodges are reported without comment or criticism. The duties of Bro. Winsor in this regard are outlined in one of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. It reads thus:—

> "The Grand Secretary shall also be ex-officio a Committee on Correspondence, and it shall be his duty to examine the

correspondence and reports from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

"The Committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the Committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge."

M.W. Bro. Francis D. Clarke ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Lou. B. Winsor ----------Grand Secretary

MINNESOTA.

60th Annual. St. Paul, Jan. 22, 1913.

Grand Master, Owen Morris, in ten pages of printed matter, presents a full report of his work during the year. He showed good judgment in omitting long lists of by-laws approved, etc., information which is always on file for reference as required. He refused to lay the corner-stone of a Church on Sunday, October 27th, but expressed a willingness to lay it on Saturday the 26th, or any other secular day.

He ruled that a member having paid dues in advance is not entitled to rebate when dimitting during the year to join another Lodge; that one who has lost half of the first two fingers of the right hand is not disqualified for membership; that a member cannot insist on a second ballot in voting on a matter. A review must be had through a motion to re-consider. He refused requests from three different brethren to make certain petitioners Masons at sight. The Welsh Masons of the State presented the Grand Master with a beautiful loving cup, suitably inscribed.

Bro. Samuel C. Edsall, Bishop of the Episcopal Church, of the State of Minnesota, delivered the Annual Oration, which appears in full in the Proceedings. The following quotation from his eloquent address will give the reader some idea of the line of thought followed by the speaker:—

"By these various converging lines of thought, I have sought to make more clear what I deem to be the supreme function of Masonry, and the underlying reason for the continuing value and importance of Masonry—namely that it shall be the handmaid of religion in seeking to bring mankind into conformity to the will of God. True it is that

Masonry is not in and of itself a religion. And for that reason Masons fall grievously short of their duty when they make the performance of their Lodge duties a substitute for all other religious worship, when they become indifferent to the Church of God and habitually absent themselves from its services, or when they fail to take a deep interest in the religious training of the young.

"But by the sacred teaching of every ancient landmark, by the silent preaching of Bible, Square and Compass, by the mute eloquence of the plumb, the level and the trestle board, and by the light of the "G", the Eye and the Blazing Star, we are taught that the supreme function of Masonry is that it shall be a strong, intelligent and faithful handmaid of religion in seeking to lift all men everywhere into conformity to the will of God.

"Not all men can be Masons, not is it desirable that they should be. A greater positive force can be exerted by a compact, disciplined army, than by a miscellaneous throng so vast that its individual members lose all sense of individual responsibility for the advancement of the common cause. As it is, some of our Lodges are undoubtedly too large. There are times, I fear, when we are too anxious and too ready to take men in for the sake of their numbers, their fees, or the making of a good record for activity. There are too many men who consent to take the Degrees of the Blue Lodge, and do so in a formal and perfunctory spirit, for the sake of getting on to the widely heralded amusements which attend the Shrine. So we need not be concerned if in the keeping of our order true to its great purpose, we cease to be so attractive to certain types of character who are without earnest purpose in life.

"But the very fact that we do not wish to make all men Masons should make us all the more anxious to help that great brotherhood whose doors are open to all men, and which stands even in a more all embracing way for the great fundamental principles which underlie our order.

"For, not by mere education, not by mere changes in legislation or even schemes of philanthropy, but by religion alone —that one thing which essays to touch the deep springs of human character—can we best aid in bringing the lives of men into conformity to the will of God."

An appropriation was made for the purchase of two Past Grand Master's jewels at a cost of $250.

Bro. Anton M. Christiansen, a Master Mason, and member in good standing of South Park Lodge, Chicago, having died on board the S. S. Pretoria, fifteen brethren who were passengers on the same steamer assembled and concluded to consign the body of their late brother to the deep with solemn and sacred Masonic ceremonies. This was done in the presence of the Captain, officers and crew, while the music corps of the steamer rendered in solemn strains an impressive German choral, and the steamer was brought to a standstill.

Eighty pages of the neatly arranged Proceedings are taken up with the report of the Foreign Correspondence committee under the able Chairmanship of Bro. Irving Todd, P.G.M. His report contains an admirable summary of the leading items found in the proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.

M.W. Bro. W. Hayes Laird ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. John Fishel ----------Grand Secretary

MISSOURI.

93rd Annual. St. Louis, Sept. 30th, 1913.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, Moolah Orchestra, comprising fifty-five pieces, of which Grand Master Lampert is the first violinist, occupied the stage and under the direction of Brother Henry J. Falkenhainer, rendered a delightful musical program as a compliment to the Grand Master, all members of the orchestra being Brother Masons.

The children of the Masonic Home of Missouri, in charge of Brother C. C. and Mrs. Baker, Superintendent and Matron, marched in during the rendering of the first number by Moolar Orchestra, and then sung several sweet and inspiring songs, accompanied by the orchestra and led by Mrs. Ida Downey, Secretary of the Home.

The Scottish Rite Choir also entertained the members and visitors with song.

The Grand Master stated that a number of professional musicians, members of the St. Louis Orchestra and members of various Lodges in the city were desirous of showing their interest and loyalty to the Fraternity and had volunteered to instruct the musically inclined boys and girls of the Home without remuneration. They also offered to furnish the musical instruments Needless to say the offer was accepted with thanks.

The following are some of the **Decisions** given by the Grand Master:—

"1. That a man who has lost the left leg below the knee and wears a cork leg, is eligible if able to conform to the ceremonies. A cork leg discounts a cork head.

"2. That a man having lost his second, third and fourth fingers of the right hand is ineligible.

"3. That the W.M. has the right and should prohibit smoking in the Lodge room during the ceremonies of Degree work.

"4. That the possession of a dramshop license in his own name to sell liquor is sufficient ground on which to prefer charges against a member.

"5. That the W.M. should wear his hat while officiating as such, whether in Lodge or elsewhere.

"6. That a W.M. under suspension from office has a right to visit his Lodge.

7. That one who has not acquired citizenship is eligible for the Degrees.

"8. That a Lodge could receive petition from one whose feet were of unequal size.

"9. That a M.M. in good standing who had committed suicide, was entitled to Masonic burial.

"10. That charges could not be entertained against a member because of his holding membership in the order of Knights of Columbus.

"11. That it is irregular to suspend delinquents on a collective ballot. Each must be voted on separately."

We are pleased to note that the Grand Master emphasises the necessity of every Subordinate Lodge making its annual dues sufficiently high to cover all regular and legitimate expenses of the Lodge. This removes the temptation to open the door of Freemasonry, in order to obtain additional income to make up for the deficit in this respect.

The Grand Master makes an eloquent plea for Universal Peace. He says:—

"All the Masonic Grand Bodies and individual Freemasons could not engage in a wise, more righteous, more

human or more useful endeavor than to try in every proper way, with all their power, to influence their particular governments to make treaties with all other nations looking to the perpetuation of the peace of the world."

The following recommendation of the Grand Master is doubtless a time saver, but a dangerous expedient nevertheless:—

"During the past year, and indeed for several years, the great amount of work done by City Lodges has necessitated many Special Communications, thereby involving great expense; and, perhaps, still more to be deplored, continuing the work to a very late hour, which is frequently injurious to health and unpleasant for many other reasons.

"In a number of jurisdictions, to obviate these objectionable features in connection with our Institution, it is the custom to confer the Degrees on as many as five candidates at one and the same time, at one Communication; one really receiving the Degree which the others witness. I recommend this as expedient, and trust that it may appeal to the judgment of the Grand Lodge."

Dispensations were granted for seven new Lodges and a like number received their charters at this meeting of Grand Lodge. Number of Lodges, 631; total number of members, 58,237; net gain 2,500. Total receipts $144,397.09; total disbursements, $70,437.95; credit balance, $73,959.14.

We desire to quote the closing lines of R.W. Bro. Jno. Pickard's eloquent address on **Immortality.**

The day is ended. Ere I sink to sleep,
My weary spirit seeks repose in Thine.
Father, forgive my trespasses, and keep
This little life of mine.

At peace with all the world, dear Lord, and Thee,
No fears my soul's unwavering faith can shake;
All's well, whichever side the grave for me
The morning light may break.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri was fortunate indeed in their choice of Bro. C. C. Woods as Grand Correspondent. His selections are choice and his observations sane. His introductory

remarks show that he has read with care the various reports and gleaned the most important facts therefrom. We quote what he says on the question of attending church in regalia:—

> "In some Grand Jurisdictions, in our own and other lands, many Dispensations were granted for attending church in regalia, and many refused, so that the question is really an issue. No arguments pro and con have been presented except the very general one that the Sabbath is not a Masonic occasion, but it seems to us that it is neither a compliment to the church, thus signalized, not to the Lodge, if invited by the church. If the Lodge initiate the visit it is doubtless an unworthy desire for an ostentatious advertisement of our Order on a day when it involves no expense of time or money, and if a church gives such invitation the motive or wisdom of pastor or other authorities is to be suspected. It is to be criticised, if not condemned, except in case of funerals."

M.W. Bro. Van Fremont Boor ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Jno. R. Parson ----------Grand Secretary

NEBRASKA.

56th Annual. Omaha, June 3rd, 1913.

The address of Grand Master James R. Cain, Jr., occupies forty pages of closely printed matter, and it is a detailed account of his official acts during the year. His visits to the various Lodges are described in minutest detail, and presents a striking contrast to that of a Grand Master in a Sister Jurisdiction, who told of his visits in this brief statement: "It is only necessary for me to state that I visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction."

The total expenses of this Grand Lodge were $36,011.80, with a balance in the treasury of $28,233.08

The cost of maintaining the Masonic Home for 1912, not including repairs, furnishing and insurance, was $10,161.49. The average number of residents was 42, thus making the cost per resident $241.22.

The Grand Custodian of the work traveled 12,048 miles and held 59 Lodges of Instruction during the year. He stated that 12 Lodges were in no need of formal instructions as they were substantially correct in every particular.

The total number of Master Masons on the roll on March 31st, 1913 was 20,144, a net gain of 875 during the Masonic year.

A resolution was passed by Grand Lodge authorizing the Grand Master, the Grand Custodian or his assistant, whenever a Subordinate Lodge has not made its annual returns to the Grand Secretary before a fixed date, to make personal examination of the books, etc., of each Lodge and to charge the expenses of each visitation to this Lodge, and collect the same with Lodge dues and fees.

The oration of Bro. Harmon was worthy of a place in the printed Proceedings. His concluding words were:—

> "As Masons we shall indeed be brothers. No sweeter privilege or holier ambition should thrill our hearts. We would make our Fraternity a miniature of what this whole wide world should be, but wherever the light is found to break; wherever truth shall dawn upon darkened human hearts; wherever love shall reign; wherever manhood shall reach toward its highest self; wherever womanhood shall be reverenced as holy; and wherever childhood shall be consecrated and dedicated, as by 'Bethlehem's Star,' — we'll rise to greet that day. Ah!
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> "There's a light about to break,
> There's a day about to dawn,
> Men of thought and men of action,
> Clear the way!"

A uniform receipt for dues was adopted for the use of all Subordinate Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

A brief but interesting Correspondence Report, covering 56 printed pages, was prepared by Bro. Charles J. Phelps. Alberta's Proceedings evidently did not reach him.

M.W. Bro. Alpha Morgan ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Francis E. White ----------Grand Secretary

NEVADA.

49th Annual. Reno, June 10th, 1913.

Grand Master Miles in his annual address gives a concise business like presentation of his official acts during the Masonic year.

Among the nineteen official decisions given by him we note the following:—

"6. In the matter of request that the corner-store of a church be laid by our Grand Lodge on a Sunday.

"Answer. We are taught that a corner-stone can not be laid on Sunday. Our ancient brethren labored six days in every week and rested upon the seventh day, consecrating the seventh as a day of rest from their labors; therefore to lay a corner-stone, which is Masonic labor, would be inconsistent with our teachings.

"8. Should dues be collected from M.M.'s commencing at date of raising, or can dues be charged only after passing the examination in the Third Degree Lecture?

"Answer. Dues commence to run from the date of raising, irrespective of whether the brother has committed the lecture of the Third Degree, or not.

"9. What is the proper method of enforcing the requirement that the Third Degree Lecture be committed within two months from the date of raising? Should the member be suspended, or should charges be preferred?

"Answer. If a brother fails, or refuses, after a reasonable time, granted for good cause, to learn the above lecture, then charges must be preferred, and the brother tried for the offense of disobeying the edict of our Grand Lodge.

"19. Is it legal for a Lodge to continue a Communication beyond midnight of the day on which it is called?

"Answer. No.

The brethren of Nevada responded promptly to the appeal of the Grand Master for aid on behalf of those who had suffered from flood and fire in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and adjoining States. The sum of $774 was voted by the Subordinate Lodges and immediately forwarded to those in need.

A special committee was appointed to investigate the feasibility and desirability of the early establishment of a Masonic Home by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, or of the establishment of a fund to be used for that purpose at some future time.

W. Bro. Rev. Lloyd B. Thomas, Grand Orator, delivered a stirring address on "The Fellowship of Workers." These were his concluding words:—

"The world's great heart is throbbing with the spirit of unrest,
We hear the cry that welleth up from the peoples long oppressed,
We see the rule of Mammon and the grasping hand of greed,
The travesties of justice, and the toiler's bitter need.
The striving for the mastery, the ever-present fear
With nation watching nation and the war-clouds hovering near,
And the question ever riseth as portentious signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be and what the saving grace.
And Masonry makes answer with its ever-changing plan—
The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man;
Though aeons upon aeons break upon the shores of time,
This is the grand fulfillment and the prophecy sublime.
This is the work on trestle-board for Brethren everywhere,
For never was there greater need for level, plumb and square,
For trowel with cement of love to strenghen and unite
The human race in Brotherhood and usher in the Light "

Forty brethren responded to the Roll Call when the names of the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions were read by the Grand Secretary. Bro. Lyle F. Durley, our representative, was among the number. They were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master and Bro. Pratt, Grand Representative from Quebec replied for his Brother Representatives.

Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary, is also the Commissioner of Review. The neatness and arrangement of the matter contained in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge reflect much credit on the Grand Secretary.

His reviews of Sister Jurisdictions show careful discrimination as to information gleaned, and a wide knowledge of the principles of Freemasonry. We are in hearty accord with the sentiments expressed by our good Brother in his introductory and concluding remarks. He concludes his report with these words:—

"Greetings, Brethren of the Quill. May we all walk in the broader path of love, and help make all Brothers feel and believe that "a man who takes none of the responsibility of other men's lives upon himself is a fragment of a man."

"Somebody did a golden deed,
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song,
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, 'Tis sweet to live',
Somebody said, 'I'm glad to give';
Somebody fought a valiant fight,
Somebody lived to shield the right.
Was that somebody you?"

M.W. Bro. William M. David ----------Grand Master
V.W. Bro. Edward D. Vanderlieth ----------Grand Secretary

NEW BRUNSWICK.

46th Annual. Saint John, Aug. 26th, 1913.

Three Special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the Masonic year; one to attend the funeral of R.W. Bro. David Dearness, Past Deputy Grand Master; one to reopen Freemasons Hall, which had been renovated; and a third to attend Divine Service in the City of Moncton on Sunday the 22nd day of June. The service was conducted by the V.W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. D. Archibald.

The home of this Grand Lodge is at the City of Saint John. The largest stockholder in the Masonic Temple is the Grand Lodge, and steps are now being taken to purchase the remaining shares by Grand Lodge, and thus become sole proprietor. It is the intention of Grand Lodge to devote the revenue from the building for benevolent purposes throughout the Jurisdiction.

Speaking of the tie which binds Masons together, Grand Master Knowlton concludes his address with these words:—

> "What is that tie? What is Masonry? In the words of a writer of the eighteenth century—'Does it tend to instruct the mind, and tame each unruly passion? Does it expel rancour, hatred and envy? Does it reconcile men of all religions and of all nations? Is it an universal cement binding its followers to charity, good-will and secret friendship? Is it calculated to promote the truest freedom? Does it teach men to live quiet lives? In short are all its precepts a complete system of moral virtue? Then hail thou Glorious Craft, bright transcript of all that is amiable. Hail thou

blest moral science which so beautifully exemplifies virtue. Welcome ye delightful mansions where all enjoy the pleasures of a serene and tranquil life. Welcome ye blest retreats where smiling friendship ever blooms and from her throne dispenses pleasure with unbounded liberality. Welcome sacred habitations where peace and innocence forever dwell.'"

The receipts for the year were $3,333.75 and expenses $2,003.51. Funds on hand for benevolence, $6,715.93.

The total membership on 27th December, 1912, was 3,320, an increase of 135 during the year.

The following extracts from a letter written by Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, prove conclusively that the Grand Master of England did not make either H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught or Prince Arthur a Mason at sight.

"H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge on the 24th March, 1874, passed on the 23rd June, 1874, and raised on the 27th April, 1875. On each occasion the full ceremony was performed without the slightest abbreviation or variation from the established custom.

"H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught was initiated by the Pro Grand Master (i.e., by Bro. Lord Ampthill himself) in the Royal Alpha Lodge, on the 25th May, 1911, passed in the same Lodge by the W. Master, R.W. Bro. Lord Kensington, on the 2nd July, 1911, and raised in the Household Brigade Lodge by the W. Master on the 29th April, 1912. In each case the ceremony was exactly the same as for every other candidate for Freemasonry.

"It may be useful to you to know that the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England expressly provide in Rule 195 that 'no Lodge shall confer more than one Degree on any Brother on the same day, nor shall a higher Degree be conferred on any Brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous Degree.'

"Except in the case of Lodges abroad the Grand Master has no power to grant a dispensation to permit Degrees to be conferred at shorter intervals, and then only by substituting intervals of one week for four."

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are carefully arranged and complete in detail.

There is no Foreign Correspondence report.

M.W. Bro. F. J. G. Knowlton ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt ----------Grand Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

124th Annual. Concord, May 21st, 1913.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Wolfeboro on Oct. 24th, 1912, for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Morning Star Lodge, No. 17.

A Semi-Annual Communication was held on Dec. 27th, 1912, and six Lodges of Instruction were held during the year, one in each of the six Masonic Districts. Grand Master Chas. H. Wiggin presided at each of these gatherings.

The Annual Communication was held at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Concord, on Wednesday, May 21st, A.L., 5913, A.D., 1913.

Twelve Past Grand Masters and twenty D.D.G.M.'s were present at this Annual Convocation.

Eight Grand Lodge officers were removed by the hand of death during the year. Their photos appear on the Proceedings, together with a brief account of their lives. The Grand Master wisely, we think, refused to grant dispensations to work Degrees in less than constitutional time.

The Grand Master of Massachusetts, who was present at the Semi-Annual Convocation of this Grand Lodge, presented the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire with a gavel made from the timber felled and prepared in the forests of Lebanon.

The brethren of this Jurisdiction contributed $1,056 towards the relief of their brethren in Ohio, who had suffered on account of flood and fire.

One hundred dollars was forwarded by the Grand Treasurer as New Hampshire's share towards the expenses of the Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

A commission was issued for B. B. Plummer, Jr., of Union, to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The brethren of New Hampshire have begun that which might well be continued as an annual event. The various Lodges were asked to locate the graves of any Past Grand Masters that might be within the borders of their jurisdiction and decorate them on St. John's Day.

The various D.D.G.M.'s were evidently zealous in the discharge of their duties. Their reports are complete and evince great interest on the part of each representative.

The dues in this Grand Lodge are 75 cents per member, and $3.00 for every candidate initiated. Two-thirds of the annual dues are forwarded to the Treasurer of the Masonic Home and one-third is used to defray the expenses of Grand Lodge. Any Lodge not sending in their returns with dues before a fixed date is required to pay one dollar for each day that such neglect continues.

We are somewhat surprised to learn that at this late date fraternal recognition was given by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, and an exchange of Representatives granted.

The Committee on Returns reported: Number of Lodges on roll, 79; membership, 1913, 10,620; increase, 140.

Bro. Harry M. Cheney presented his seventh report on Foreign Correspondence. It occupies 180 pages and is replete with useful information regarding the various Grand Lodges. We beg to suggest, however, that in our opinion, a greater variety of thought and expression would be embodied if our Bro. Correspondent would sometimes allow the write to speak for himself. We hope he will include Alberta in his next annual review.

M.W. Bro. Holman A. Drew ---------- Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney ----------Grand Secretary

NEW JERSEY.

126th Annual. Trenton, April 16th, 1913.

The Annual Report of Grand Master Richard C. Woodward conveys no indication of deficiency by its brevity. It includes in concise form, all his official acts during the year.

Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:—

"That Brethren in good standing, members of Lodges in other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, may apply for membership in Lodges of this State, and be balloted for, but shall not become members thereof until they have presented a proper demit or certificate approvd by the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, and a clear ballot."

The law, formerly, was that a demit must accompany an application for affiliation. This sometimes entails a hardship and injustice as the applicant may wish to still retain his membership with his Mother Lodge, and if perchance his application for affiliation is rejected, he is then no longer a member of any Lodge.

The question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

During the evening session the Grand Instructor assisted by the D.D.G.M.'s exemplified the esoteric work of the Three Degrees and in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Lodge.

The Committee on Jewel was instructed to procure and present to the retiring Grand Master an appropriate Grand Master's Jewel.

A complete list of the Lodges, their date of meeting, officers and Past Masters, together with the names of those who received Degrees, or were dimitted, suspended or deceased, appears in the printed Proceedings.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, was prepared by Bro. Robert Shirrefs. If includes over 150 pages of interesting information, which every Brother of New Jersey should read with profit. We quote from his review this interesting note:—

"A Family of Freemasons.

"At a meeting of the Robert Mitchell Lodge, at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, London, England, on Saturday, Worshipful Brother E. A. W. G. Easton, P.N., initiated his six sons as Freemasons. It is believed to be the first case in which a father has initiated so many sons, at one meeting, though there have been cases in which a father and several sons have belonged to the order."

He concludes his review of Alberta for 1912, with these words of appreciation of our first effort as a Knight of the Round Table:—

"His view of the plan and scope of the duty with which he is charged is admirably expressed in the introduction to his report and materializes in a first class review, brief but comprehensive."

M.W. Bro. Fred E. Tilden ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Benjamin F. Wakefield ----------Grand Secretary

NEW MEXICO.

36th Annual. Santa Fe, Oct. 20th, 1913.

The annual address of M.W. Bro. M. R. Williams, Grand Master, is a concise, clear presentation of the work done by him as the Executive Officer of Grand Lodge between its Annual Sessions.

He discourages public processions of Masons in regalia. With this we are heartily in accord. The only occasions when such should be allowed is when in attendance at a Masonic funeral, or at the laying of a corner-stone.

He recommends a change in the By-Laws to allow Subordinate Lodges to make request direct to Subordinate Lodges in Sister Jurisdictions for examinations and the conferring of Degrees. This would save Grand Lodge Officers a large amount of unnecessary correspondence, and might well be adopted by all Grand Lodges recognized by each other.

The Grand Secretary's report showed the annual expenditure to be $4442.06, the chief items being: Printing Annual Report, $339.70; Chairman Foreign Correspondence, $200; Grand Secretary, $1.000; Grand Lecturer, $1234.70; and Benevolence, $660.

Total members of 41 chartered Lodges on Aug. 31st, 1913, 3,208, a net gain of 221 during the year.

The request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Queensland was granted.

This Grand Lodge put itself on record as being unalterably opposed to the movement to organize a General Lodge for the Continent of North America.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by P.G.M. Wroth, is an excellent one. His concluding remarks on the intereference of the Grand Lodges of Italy and Spain in attempting to establish Symbolic Lodges within American Jurisdiction, are to the point. Every Grand Lodge is supreme within its own territory and no invasion by Foreign Jurisdictions should be tolerated.

The Proceedings are arranged in very attractive form and reflect credit on both the Grand Secretary and the publisher.

M.W. Bro. Nathan Jaffa ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen ----------Grand Secretary

NEW SOUTH WALES.

25th Annual.

Quarterly Communications were held during the year.

A Special Communication was held on July 17th, 1912, for the proclamation of the Grand Master, and the investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers, and another on June 10th, 1913, for the nomination of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. The election took place on the following day, when Dr. C. U. Carruthers was honored with the most exalted position in the gift of his Brethren.

A W.M. of a new Lodge was admonished for erasing the names of two Brethren from the petition for a Lodge, without the consent of these Brethren.

The Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction contributed to the King Edward Memorial Fund £465 14s.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings, and the reports of the District Grand Inspectors are very interesting. The reports though usually complimentary in their nature, sometimes include a kindly criticism of some portion of the work. Absolute silence is enjoined while the Degree is being conferred. The holding of Past Masters' Nights is recommended. In all Lodges the ceremonies are interespersed with appropriate music. The attendance is generally good. One Brother of a certain Lodge is rarely absent from a regular meeting although living at a distance of over a hundred miles by rail. The presentation to the candidate of the volume of the Sacred Law on which he was obligated,

has become a general practice throughout the Jurisdiction. We commend this to the thoughtful consideration of the Brethren of Alberta.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the relatives of Captain Scott and his heroic companions.

Grand Master (His Excellency M.W. Bro. Lord Chelmsford) when addressing his Brethren said that during the three years he had been their Grand Master the Craft had prospered wonderfully. Its numbers have increased from 15,000 to 19,000 and its funds from £24,525 to £40,000.

Grand Lodge purchased the Masonic Hall, Sydney, for the sum of £25,000.

There are 280 Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 18,728. About one-third of the Lodges have an attendance of over one hundred members, while the others are comparatively small.

One hundred and fifteen Annuitants received £2,244 10s last year from the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.

The Foreign Correspondence Report was prepared by a Committee of five, of which V.W. Bro. S. Scott-Young was Chairman. The selection has been a wise one. Their reviews are well worthy of the careful and thoughtful study of every student of Freemasonry. We appreciate the kind words of Bro. Scott-Young, regarding our work of last year, and hope to merit a continuance of his approbation.

M.W. Bro. Dr. C. U. Carruthers ----------Grand Master
R W. Bro. Arthur H. Bray ----------Grand Secretary

NEW YORK.

132nd Annual. New York, May 6th, 1913.

The following decision reported by Grand Master Smith in his annual address will be of interest to the whole Craft:—

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was prosecuted by one M.W. Bayliss, whom it had pronounced as being irregular and fraudulent in the establishment of a so-called Scottish Rite Body within its territory. The trial took place in the Civil

District Court, in the City of New Orleans, and the decision was in favor of the Grand Lodge. An appeal from that decesion was taken to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana and that Court unanimously upheld the decision of the lower court, affirming that the power to determine the regularity or irregularity or fraudulent character of any organization claiming to be Masonic, rested exclusively in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. so far as the territory it occupies is concerned. The decision of the Supreme Court is particularly gratifying, because of the fact that only one of that Bench was a member of the Fraternity, and he declined to sit in the case.

"Grand Master Addington in his address to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, at its last session, said:—

"This decision is of almost revolutionary interest to the whole Body of Freemasonry. It conforms the proper contention for the supremacy of the Lodges and their right to dominate all Masonic affairs through their properly organized and constituted representative and legislative bodies, the Grand Lodges. As I understand its bearing upon our affairs, it relieves Grand Lodges entirely from any call to untangle any skein of contention regarding the origin or history of any body claiming to be Masonic; leaves it free to concede regularity by prescription, or, if it sees fit to do so, by fiat. In short, it puts the ownership of the term 'Masonry' and the adjective 'Masonic' clearly in posession of regular Lodges and the Grand Lodges that represent them."

Immediately upon learning of the terrible loss of life and the destruction of property by flood and fire in the States of Ohio and Indiana, the Grand Master forwarded the sum of three thousand dollars to the Grand Master of Ohio and two thousand dollars to the Grand Master of Indiana.

Dispensations were issued for the establishment of six new Lodges.

Grand Master Smith utters a timely word of caution on two important subjects: The admission of candidates and the publication of Proceedings not only in the Masonic, but also in the secular press.

A Masonic Employment Bureau has been established under the auspices of this Grand Lodge. It has been in operation for one and one-half years and has grown to be a power for good to the unemployed in the Fraternity. Assistance to obtain employment for the able-bodied is always better than temporary financial aid.

This Grand Lodge charges $250 for every dispensation to form a new Lodge and $50 additional if a charter be granted. The fee for initiation is $11.50 and the annual membership fee is 50 cents.

Ninety-four applicants were received into the Utica Home during the year. The total number cared for amounts to 438, and consists of 194 men, 118 women, 63 boys and 63 girls. The appraised value of the Utica property is $638,965 and it cost $115,837 to maintain the House and Farm during the year.

The total number of volumes now in the possession of the Grand Lodge Library is 8662, an increase of over 1600 volumes in the past five years.

There are 42 Masonic Districts, 820 Lodges and 179,927 Master Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bros. William Sherer, Emil Frenkel and Emanuel Lowenstein.
One page is devoted to Alberta, 1912.

M.W. Bro. Charles Smith ----------Grand Master
M.W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers ----------Grand Secretary

NEW ZEALAND.

24th Annual. Auckland, May 14th, 1913.

An excellent portrait of R.W. Bro. James Moncrieff, Deputy Grand Master, adorns the front page of the Proceedings.
Among the New Rules adopted by this Grand Lodge, the following will be of interest to our readers —

"Canvassing for Office.

"If any Brother shall canvass for or otherwise solicit nomination for Grand Lodge Office on behalf of himself or any member of Grand Lodge, he shall be deemed guilty of an offence, become disqualified to hold any office in Grand Lodge, and at the discretion of Grand Lodge or any of its delegated authorities may be subject to censure, admonition, fine, or suspension.

"Lodges of Research.

"1. Upon a petition having been presented to the Grand Master signed by at least seven Installed Masters regularly registered under the Constitution of any recognized Grand Lodge, he may issue a warrant to hold a Lodge of Research, which shall have for its objects the study and research of the teachings of the Craft by means of lectures, discussions, and papers.

"2. No one shall be eligible for membership in any Lodge of Research unless he is a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge, and no one shall continue to be a member of a Lodge of Research upon ceasing to be a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge.

"3. A Lodge of Research shall not initiate any candidate into Freemasonry, but may confer the Second and Third Degree at the request of any Craft Lodge.

"4. Upon any member of a Lodge of Research resigning his membership thereof, the Lodge shall not issue to him a demit or other clearance in accordance with Rule.

"5. The Grand Master may embody in the warrant issued to any Lodge of Research such regulations for the conduct thereof as he thinks fit, provided the same are not inconsistent with the regulations of Grand Lodge."

The annual statement of the Grand Treasurer shows —

	Expenditure.	Bal. on Hand.
General Fund	£3,224 19s 1d	£ 4,073 8s 7d
Fund of Benevolence	329 10 0	3,207 13 5
Widows' and Orphans', and Aged Masons' Fund	619 5 0	20,625 19 3

A very creditable showing indeed.

Five new Lodges were constituted during the year.

The long-standing dispute between the Grand Lodge of New Zealand and the Grand Lodge of Scotland has been amicably settled and articles of agreement have been drawn up and signed by the Grand Masters under the seals of their respective Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland agrees to recognize the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, providing the several Lodges

now working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland be permitted to practise Freemasonry as heretofore. Provision was also made for the resuscitation of dormant Lodges and the changing of any Lodge to the allegiance of the Grand Lodge of New Zeland, upon certain definite steps being taken, as outlined in the articles of agreement. There are now fourteen Lodges in New Zealand working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

We glean the following from the brief but practical address of Grand Master Maurice Thompson:—

> "This leads me to a subject which must be ever before us as the ideal of our Craft, and to which I made passing reference last year. I refer to the principle that our Lodges should be a common meeting ground for good men of widely divergent ideas and different stations in life. I think we should guard against the danger of our Lodges assuming a local and temporary coloring from passing events or questions which at the time may appear to be of great importance. In ancient days religion was a fruitful cause of dissension amongst the people, leading to misery and persecution; therefore religion was widely removed from the scope of our deliberations. Politics were an equal source of trouble and bloodshed; therefore politics were barred. Men of this generation can scarcely realize what evil was wrought by the extremists in these questions, at the time considered to be the most vital matters, and the misery suffered by all people, however free they endeavored to keep themselves. Fortunately the days of persecution and blood shed for difference of opinion are departed; yet we still have our burning questions, the constant discussion of which produces great irritation, opposing man to man and class to class. I refer to such subjects as license or no-license, capital versus labor, and other social subjects which are constantly arising amongst a people of such fertile imagination as the denizens of this country. These subjects are not barred by constitutional practice, as are religion and politics, yet I think we are wise to keep them outside our borders. One cannot fail to see that there may be danger ahead for us in the future as in the past One hears of Lodges being almost divided over the question of what liquid refreshments should be provided at the social board; and one hears of Lodges being proposed to cater for certain classes. Many of our Lodges are planted in small communities where the Brethren are well-known to each other, and these debatable matters cannot be introduced without the danger of hurting someone's feelings. Consider what effect such a course must necessarily have upon a small

Lodge where every individual is well-known to the others, and whose profession may be affected. The Lodge should be the one place where each Brother may repair, certain that he shall leave behind him all vexed questions, and spend a profitable hour amongst Brethren who are agreed upon every subject which is brought forward and whose attitude is fraternal, an atmosphere quite apart, as it were, from the popular questions of the day.

Let us confine our efforts to the cultivation of those cardinal virtues which form the basis of our fraternity. Churches will look after religion, the Press caters for every shade of politician, temperance societies, and the ballot will in time settle the license question, and a man's individual efforts through life will decide the class he belongs to. These all leave to us a common ground upon which even the strenuous partisans of any of the questions referred to may meet without disagreement in the practice of our beautiful ceremonies and at our social board.

This, to my mind, is our real work. We do not profess to form character, for we ask that a man's character shall be already formed before we admit him, but we endeavor to develop what is best in him upon broad lines, leaving all narrowing influences and discussions outside our doors. To do this we must see that passing questions or debatable matters are rigidly excluded."

The Provincial Grand Masters of Districts and Provinces, presented brief reports of their work during the year.

Total number of Lodges, 197; members, 12,874.

The address delivered by V.W. Bro. W. G. Mehaffey on **Symbolism** is an excellent one. Although somewhat lengthy we cannot refrain from quoting it in full:—

"Symbolism.

"A Lecture Lelivered by Very Wor. Bro. W. G. Mehaffey, Grand Lecturer.

"Symbolism is by the Masonic Brother associated naturally with the Craft which he has so much at heart, and in connection with which he has spent so many pleasant and profitable hours; but, it may be considered quite apart from Masonry, and has been so considered by writers to whom Masonry was a sealed book. I purpose in this lecture to deal with the subject first from the general standpoint, and afterwards from the Mason's point of view.

"Symbolism may be defined as the art of expressing ideas by symbols or signs; and taking such definition, one need not hesitate to say that the art has been in practice time out of mind. In a very real sense, symbolism may be said to have preceded language, and manifestly the use of it has all down through the ages served to supplement man's vocabulary. In the early stages of humanity, when language was in its elementary form, the only effectual means of conveying information was often to invent signs and symbols to eke out the meagre list of words that had come into existence. And even when vocabularies had become fully developed, man remained prone to take advantage of some form of symbolism in the effort to make himself more clearly understood. These symbols, or visible signs, to which as a rule a spiritual idea is attached, played a very important part in the intellectual and religious life of the ancient world, and indeed play an important part in the world of the present day. According to archaeologists, the Egyptians in the earliest period communicated their philosophy in mystic symbols. The first learning in all countries seems to have been conveyed symbolically. The wisdom of the Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Jews, Persians, of Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato, so far as it has come to us, is predominantly symbolic. Allegory was manifestly agreeable to the genius of antiquity. Sometimes, indeed, the simplicity of truth was obscured in poetic decoration or mystic sign, as when, for example, it was desired that a principle of religion or philosophy should be known to the initiated student, but concealed from the outer world. As far as primordial man is concerned it is evident from the records of ancient inscriptions, that sign language was the common means of the intercommunication of ideas. Among a primitive people it was the only method of expressing abstract notions; and when, through the growth of vocabularies, the necessity for sign language no longer existed, the system still continued, but the symbols gradually became invested with the mystic significance fully understood only by the few.

"It may be noted, in passing, that each art and science has in all ages deemed it wise to devise certain symbols, partly with the view of securing brevity in exposition, and partly to secure definiteness of meaning. Thus, the mathematician evolved a series of signs to express given operations, and was enabled thereby to communicate his theories in a more explicit manner than could otherwise have been possible. We are familiar with the symbols—mere hieroglyphics to the novice—of which the medical practitioner makes use when conveying to the dispensing chemist instructions for compounding the powder or draught prescribed for the patient. So in each

department of science and art there has developed in course of time a set of signs, or cabala, peculiar to each domain of research, expressive of processes or ideas common to its branch of knowledge, and significant only to those qualified by having undergone, as it were, the indispensable initiation. Hence it would appear that the human mind inevitably resorts to some species of symbolism in its efforts to place in the most striking and intelligible form the results of its conquests in the struggle for the secrets of Nature.

"Now, just as symbols serve the valuable purpose of giving clear and unmistakable representation of truth, so they may be employed to conceal from the unsophisticated ideas which it is desired to disclose only to those who, having proved their fitness, have been admitted to the inner shrine of the temple. And in this direction symbolism has been taken advantage of by mystic assemblies all down through the ages. Sometimes the symbols have been simple, sometimes elaborate; sometimes arbitrary, sometimes built up on a definite plan. In some cases art, in other Nature, has been called into requisition. In every instance effort is made to have each mark or token, sign or symbol, indicative of some distinct and noteworthy idea. This thought brings us to the practice of symbolism as it manifests itself in our Masonic orders, and orders which resemble them in essential features.

"On entering the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in London, the first great object, I am told, that strikes the eye of the beholder, is a representation of the sun in its splendour, placed directly above the throne on which the Grand Master of the Craft is seated when in the performance of his official duties. Let us inquire what this symbol has been used to set forth in days gone by and among races long passed away: for investigation shows that no feature of the visible universe has been so much taken advantage of for symbolic purposes as the glorious luminary that rules the day. This is, indeed, just what reason would lead us to expect. The sun from the dawn of humanity could not but have been recognised as the life-giving body of the heavenly host; and thus naturally it came to symbolise the sublime and incomprehensible Infinite at whose creative fiat all things sprang into being. If one studies the practices of the ancient Egyptians, and notices the symbols that are of most frequent recurrence, the effigy of the sun is seen to be the most prominent feature of the hieroglyphic records which were carved or painted on the walls or pillars of their temples; and when the investigation proceeds to decipher these records, he finds that the symbol is invariably used to denote the mystery of mysteries—the Great

Architect of the Universe—the Author and Guide of things terrestrial and things celestial—the Ruler of that future state in which man hopes to attain the perfect happiness which the poet and seer have conceived, but which has never been attained in this sublunary sphere. The ancient Hindoos adopted the circle to represent the sun and be a symbol of their god, Brahma. In course of time this primitive symbol, the circle, was added to, and the truths denoted were multiplied and extended. Thus the line forming the circumference came to indicate the doctrine that the Deity had no beginning and no end; and a point in the circle to mark the centre came to symbolise the Divine Essence from which all emanates, and all evolves. As the teaching of the attributes of Brahma developed, additions were made to the symbolic representation to give expression to the newer beliefs. Thus, on ancient monuments of India, it is common to find marked or engraved a circle circumscribed with two equilateral triangles, one pointing upwards and the other pointing downwards, the centre indicated by a dot or small circle; and we learn that the triangles symbolised the great agencies of Nature, by means of which Brahma carried out his divine operations; that, as the god of fire the deity was called Siva, and as the god of water Vishnu; and that the development of this conception led to the doctrine of a triune god, a mystery referred to in the following lines by one of the Hindoo poets:

"In those three persons the one god was shown.
Each first in place, each last—not one alone was known.
Of Siva, Vishnu, Brahma, each may be
First, second, third, among the blessed three."

"So, from the earliest ages right down the stream of time, the investigator may discover, among races separated by oceans and continents, symbols which indicate the central body of our solar system; and may discover, further, the beliefs which gathered round them. Usually these beliefs became crystallized into a legend or myth, by means of which the truths were conveyed in a popular form, and were more readily retained in memory. Almost every nation had its solar myth, crude or polished, according to the advance which had been made in science and literature. The Greeks probably had the version which appeals most strongly to the student of archaeology, as in the Apollo myth, and in the allied myths relating to the sun and illustrating the various powers of Nature.

"Let us take another symbol familiar to members of the Craft, and see what can be learnt respecting its origin and

application. The square will serve our purpose. To Masons it is a symbol of justice, of right conduct, of the ethical principle of dealing equitably, brother with brother, man with man. We advocate 'acting on the square.' Now, a common representation on the walls of ancient temples is that of a person seated on a square seat, and holding in his hands wands or rods of certain design. Thus is indicated the dispensation of justice and the acquittal or punishment of the accused according to the disclosure of the evidence. Some writers hold that our phrase 'acting on the square' is derived from this old-world representation. It is manifest that any people who had made advance in architecture must have become familiar with such an instrument as a square, and must from its application in the erection of buildings have assigned some signification such as we associate with it in our Masonic symbolism. It is recorded by Mackey that, in rebuilding an ancient bridge near Limerick, in 1830, the architect found under the foundation stone an old brass square containing on its two surfaces the following inscription:—

"I will strive to live—with love and care—
Upon the level—by the square."

The date of the inscription was 1517, a time when Operative Masonry was still in vogue. We take it for granted, indeed, that in Speculative Masonry we have borrowed this symbol from the working Masons of the Middle Ages; and in all rites it seems to have retained its primitive significance of 'right conduct.' This symbolism has been accepted so universally, that even, in colloquial language, it communicates the idea of honest dealing. 'To play upon the square' is an expression not uncommon with the old writers, and it always means 'to do to others what you would have them do to you.' Our use of the symbol is varied: In the first degree it is one of the three great lights; in the second degree it is one of the working tools; in the third degree it is the official emblem of the Master of the Lodge. Everywhere, it inculcates the same lesson of morality—truthfulness and honesty.

"Again, it is not difficult to see how, in many instances, the adoption of a given symbol will naturally lead to the use of another suggested by or developed from it. The circle will necessarily lead to the compasses, the instrument required for its construction; and the square will, in the same way, lead to the several figures that develop from it—the level, the oblong, the perfect ashlar. It is also intelligible how each symbol has come to represent certain moral or spiritual truths. Thus the compasses, from the use to which they are put, readily suggest that even tenor of deportment, that keeping of life

within due bounds, which alone can ensure happiness in this world and in the Grand Lodge above. The perfect ashlar becomes similarly representative of the results of education, as the rough ashlar stands for man in his uncultured condition.

"Thus far we have dealt with symbols more or less connected with architecture; but prominent features of the vegetable and animal world have at all periods been taken for symbolic use. In Masonry we are familiar, for example, with a sprig of acacia. In the funeral service of our Order, the brethren place in the grave of the departed a sprig of this plant as an emblem of immortality. To quote the words of the service, 'This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us, which shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never die.' Such an interpretation is a natural one; and in some form or other the brief is symbolised among all nations. It seems to have been a common practice in olden times for the mourners at the obsequies of the dead to carry in the hand a sprig of some evergreen, and at a given stage in the ceremonial to deposit it in the grave. The plant adopted as the symbol varied among the different nationalities, some taking one evergreen and some another. The Hebrews chose the acacia as their symbol. The ancient Greeks had the amaranth and the myrtle. The lotus was the plant sacred to the Brahmin and the Egyptian. The Druids found their emblem in the mistletoe. The ivy and the heath have also been been taken as symbols of the future life. To the Jews the acacia seems from the earliest times to have been a sacred plant. The ark of the covenant and the rest of the sacred furniture were made from it. The early Masons, very naturally, appropriated the symbol, and somewhat extended its signification; for the Hebrews, say of the time of Moses, had not so clear an idea of the future life as people of modern times. Nations other than those relating to the invisible world required symbolic expression also, and had such expression given to them. The pomegranate as a symbol was highly esteemed by the nations of antiquity, though it is not always easy to ascertain its mystical meaning We use it to denote plenty, which we also depict by an ear of corn near a stream of water. The classic representation was a horn filled with characteristic fruits. In the description of the pillars at the porchway of the temple, we are told that the spherical balls which surmounted them were adorned with pomegranates Aaron's robe was fringed with golden balls and pomegranates; and pomegranates were the ornaments attached to the golden candelabra. Manifestly, they had some mystic meaning. Some

authorities are of opinion that the pomegranate was an emblem of fruitfulness, and was intended to denote the future numerical greatness of the Hebrew race—a highly probable conjecture. An ancient writer tells of an image of Juno which held in one hand a sceptre and in the other a pomegranate; but he declines any explanation of the emblem, remarking that it was a forbidden mystery. The celebrants of the festival in honor of the goddess Ceres—who were women—were forbidden to eat the pomegranate. It would appear that few plants had among the nations of old a more mystical character. The laurel is the last of the symbolic plants to which I shall make reference. Amongst the Greeks it was the emblem of victory, and as such was bestowed on victors in war or in the great national contests A general returning from conquest was given a laurel crown, and a wreath of laurel was placed on the head of a victor in the Olympic games In some of the higher degrees of the Scottish rite, the laurel is used as a decoration, and in such case indicates a brother who has made a conquest of his natural passions.

"In the history of symbolism it is found that certain animals as well as plants have been brought into requisition. Of these a few may be given brief mention. The dove seems to have been from the earliest times taken as the emblem of purity and innocence. In ecclesiastical practice it is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. In Masonry it has been adopted as the distinctive jewel of a deacon, and indicates that he is the messenger of the Master or Warden. This use however, does not seem to be general, though we are thus familiar with it in English Craft ritual. I understand that it is not so used in the United States. The eagle is also prominent in the symbolism of nations. In Egypt, Greece, and Persia it was emblematic of the Sun God. Mostly it is representative of Deity. The Druids used it to denote the Supreme Divinity. Masonically, it is found in the Rose Croix degree, in the jewel of which there is an eagle with outspread wings at the foot of a cross. Apparently it is there a symbol of Christ in His Divine character. The double-headed eagle is a common emblem in heraldry, and is always employed to denote imperial rank. In Masonry it is the symbol of the highest or Ultimate degree. The jewel of that degree is a double-headed eagle with a crown resting on both heads. The lamb in all times has, from its characteristics, been deemed an emblem of innocence, and this symbolic meaning has been adopted in Craft Masonry. Hence the apron is required to be made of lambskin. The symbolic use of the lamb in the Volume of the Sacred Law is too well-known to need any exposition. The last animal to which I shall refer is the serpent, which as a

symbol held a prominent place in the mystic and religious ceremonies of ancient days. To the Egyptians the serpent, when extended at length, was an emblem of Divine Wisdom; when represented with its tail in its mouth, forming a circle, it emblematised eternity Among the Persians the serpent symbolised the universe; and the Chinese, it is said, used the figure of a ring between two serpents to symbolise the government of the world by the power and wisdom of the Creator. The faculty the serpent has of renewing its appearance by shedding its skin led to its adoption as an emblem of the perpetual renovation of the world. It was thus used in the Ancient Mysteries. In Craft Masonry I do not find it occur as a symbol; but it has been adopted in the degree of Knight Templar and in that of the Knight of the Brazen Serpent. The origin is to be found in the Volume of the Sacred Law, where it is said 'Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole.' Brethren are doubtless familiar with the device, a pole or cross with a serpent twined round it, which serves in advertisements of a certain class to denote healing powers. The Scriptural use in the Old Testament and the New need not be commented on, except to note that Dr. Oliver, who has many peculiar and interesting views, regards the serpent as an emblem of the Fall and Redemption of man.

"From what has been said it may, I think, be readily inferred that the study of symbols is one of the most interesting nature; and it is a study which in recent years has had numerous devotees. But even in the past, the remote past, students have never been wanting. The Egyptians must have been proficient in symbolism. So must have been Moses and the Prophets. The early fathers of the Church were learned in symbolism. In the last book of the Sacred Volume, in Revelation, symbolism predominates. All down the ages it is displayed in architecture, sculpture, and paintings. The great artists, Michael Angelo for example, must have drunk deeply of symbolic lore. And much of the old-world symbolism has come down to the present time and is perpetuated in our Speculative Masonry. Our instructions are almost all symbolic. We take the tools of the operative craftsman and attach to them fitting moral and spiritual truths. We use the terms of architecture, and associate with them lessons on the philosophy of life. More particularly we take the Temple of Solomon, and make it an emblem of the spiritual temple that each brother should strive to erect in his heart. We do even more—we take the legends and traditions connected with the Temple and symbolise them so that they convey the deepest principles of morality and religion. Consider what has been called the golden legend of Craft Masonry, given in the

third degree. How helpful to the reflective brother are the lessons inculcated by the several incidents. Hiram, the Builder, is surely a memorable type. In him we see humanity striving for immortality by leading a life of supreme usefulness, and perferring death to dishonor. Hiram is the Master workman, whom each brother is exhorted to emulate. The legend, as a mere mythico-historic story may excite only idle curiosity, powerless to provoke deep thought or inculcate philosophy; but when symbolism sets its seal upon it there is a transmutation like that of lead into gold, and every part of the legend becomes illuminative. It matters not that the legend may be unauthenticated by the historian, or that it may contain some anachronism Under Masonic symbolic treatment it becomes a parable, and helps a brother to a clearer conception of things celestial than could be reached in any other way; for, to quote from the writings of a Masonic brother, 'spiritual things are the better understood, and a deeper impression is made on the attentive mind.' Thus not only material objects are brought into requisition for symbolic teaching, but myths and old traditions as well, and all are made serviceable in impressing the mind of the candidate for our mysteries with fundamental, spiritual and philosophical truths. Words and phrases, which to the outer and uninstructed world have but a commonplace meaning, convey to the members of the Craft ideas of profound significance, all through our Masonic appreciation of the Science of Symbolism."

The Foreign Correspondence Report is from the pen of M.W. Bro. A. H. Burton, P.G.M. Although Bro. Burton is in his eightieth year he still wields a vigorous pen and we trust that he may be spared to continue the work for many years to come. Alberta 1912, receives brief fraternal notice.

M.W. Bro. Maurice Thompson ----------Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol ----------Grand Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA.

126th Annual. Raleigh, Jan. 14, 1913.

M.W. Bro. William B. McKay, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was supported by eleven Past Grand Masters at the opening of Grand Lodge. Bro. Horace R. Dowell,

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was also present.

The annual address of the Grand Master contains the following remarks on the laying of corner stones by Masons:—

"There is a general impression that corner-stones should only be laid to public buildings, and recently a Grand Master refused to lay the corner-stone of a church, because it was sectarian. We should recognize no sect, religious, political, or otherwise. Such matters pertain to their own private rights and prerogatives, but we proclaim the brotherhood of mankind.

"I regard this ceremony as peculiarly Masonic. It is not the religious dedication that an Israelite observed when he built his house, not that observed in the dedication of the walls of Jerusalem, and the dedication of the temple of Solomon. The laying of the corner-stone precedes such ceremonies, and my conception of the ceremony is this:—

"We, being patrons and encouragers of the arts and sciences, and particularly of architecture, would mark our approval of the erection of any great, important, and dignified edifice, displaying architectural features, or bridges, aqueducts, monuments—in fine, any structure that shows dignity, beauty, noble ideas, or the perpuating the history of great events, or that may tell of the genius of a Calamachus.

"Such structures may be marked by us, as the twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan marked the advent of a great people. And we do it, claiming our Masonic descent from the great builders. We who have encouraged the progress and development of mankind, in all the changes from age to age, have multiplied these silent memorials of our sojourn in a country, that those who find them will say, 'There is the mark of a great school of moral philosophy, which by gentleness, toleration, and charity, brotherly love and friendship, not only existed here, but multiplied and subdued the world.' When they see it is the temples and churches, they will comprehend that we worshiped and adored the great Creator; when they find it at the gates of the city, in our national buildings, they will proclaim that we were obedient to and honored the civil authorities, and that we were recognized by the government; beneath a monument, that we cherished the arts.

"Then, let them be found both in the lowly structures and the towers of the mighty. That you may see that it is not

an innovation: The Grand Lodge of Scotland laid the corner-stone of the Exchange Building in Edinburgh, September 13th, 1753. The Grand Lodge of England laid the corner-stone of the New Exchange Building in London, in 1667, and on December 31st, 1809, they laid the corner-stone of Covent Garden Theater, London. Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Virginia laid the corner-stone of the District of Columbia, April 21st, 1791."

The Grand Master dedicated the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greenboro. They formed a joint partnership with the Order of the Eastern Star, and when the Masonic dedication was finished the ladies of the Eastern Star closed the meeting with their own beautiful ceremony.

The Masons of North Carolina are justly proud of their Oxford Orphan Asylum. There are 312 children on the roll. The cost of maintaining the institution last year was $33,000. The legislature gives an annual appropriation of $10,000.

Dispensations were granted to form four new Lodges during the year. This Grand Lodge now requires fifteen or more Masons to sign a petition before a Dispensation is issued for that purpose.

A card index system is being installed by the Grand Secretary, giving a Masonic record of every Mason in North Carolina, since the Grand Lodge was formed.

The following beautiful lines on **Conscience** should be memorized by every Mason:—

"What is this something in the mind
Which shudders at the thought of ill,
As though it wisely were design'd
To act upon the human will?

It warns, admonishes, and chides;
If from its counsels I depart,
Quick on my conduct it decides,
And writes its sentence on my heart.

If as I know, I choose the right,
Then its approving voice I hear.
With fearful terror it can smite,
Or can exclude all guilty fear.

'Tis all in vain for me to try
To shun its censure or applause;
All human art it does defy,
And deems as folly human laws.

Mortals may issue its decrees
To force this something to their shrine;
Multiply tortures as they please,
Still, it will prove itself divine.

What is this something, do I ask?
It softly whispers to my breast,
Obey my dictates—this thy task;
Quite unimportant all the rest.

Whate'er I may this something name—
'Conscience', 'Spirit', or 'Light within'—
The faithful monitor the same
Bids me abhor and fly from sin.

Then be it mine with Pope to say,
For modes of faith let zealots fight,
But let me choose the better way,
And show the world my life is right"

There are 408 Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. The total membership is 21,479, a net increase of 735 during the year.

The report on Correspondence is contributed by Bro. Jno. A. Collins, P.G.M. It is an excellent report by an able and experienced Craftsman. He concurs with us in our conception of the duties of a Reviewer.

M.W. Bro. F. M. Winchester ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Bro. Jno. C. Drewry ----------Grand Secretary

NORTH DAKOTA.

24th Annual. Bismark, June 24th, 1913.

The annual address of M.W. Bro. William E. Hoover, Grand Master, covers fifteen pages and is replete with information regarding his official acts during the year.

His letter to the Officers and members of particular Lodges issued a few days before the Christmas season, must have created a hearty response in the breasts of all true Masons.

So far as one can glean from the proceedings, the brethren of North Dakota made a happy choice in the promotion of Bro. Hoover to the highest office in the gift of Grand Lodge.

The total membership for 1913 is 8,666, a net gain of 307 during the year.

The total amount of dues and fees paid was $8,461.75.

This Grand Lodge is to be highly commended for the interest and financial support given the State Sanitarium for tuberculosis at Dunseith. It is estimated that there are now in this State between five and six thousand persons affected by tuberculosis. The number of deaths during the year 1912 was nearly one thousand. The Titanic disaster was dreadful, yet each year more than half of that number of young people go down to untimely graves from this preventable and incurable disease.

The following motion was carried unanimously:—

> "That this Grand Lodge instruct and authorize the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Trustees of the Relief Fund to complete arrangements with the State of North Dakota for the building of a cottage at the State Sanitarium, at Dunseith, to be known as the 'Masonic Cottage,' and that this Grand Lodge vote the sum of $6,500.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, to complete said cottage with furniture at its expense, and that it be left to the above named Committee to arrange with the State for proper title to the building and its maintenance."

Bro. Taylor, winner of the Thompson Memorial prize, delivered an eloquent address on "Our New Americans." He discussed the problem as to whether the time has arrived, when the Americans should close their ports against the poor and oppressed of the world. We quote two important paragraphs therefrom:—

> "Little wonder that our national government should recently have become so aroused as to appoint a commission to investigate the moral, as well as other questions involved in admitting the foreigner to our country. Statistics were obtained: thorough investigations were made. What were the astounding facts disclosed? Instead of the foreigner being the principal offender in embezzling funds, blowing safes, bribing legislatures and managing white slave traffic, our

own American-born citizens proved to be the more guilty. Criminals and paupers some of the immigrants are; but an entire class cannot be judged by a few isolated examples. Court records show that the majority of offences committed by our new Americans are the result of their ignorance of our laws and customs. Police evidence proves that it is not an inherent depravity of European girls that leads them into white slave traffic, but the trapping and coercion of white slave managers, who, for shame, are ninety per cent American-born citizens. Do you find a community where the immigrant, as a class, is not developing toward good citizenship? Investigate his surroundings, and you find that his American-born brother is setting him a bad example by breaking his country's laws and violating its moral precepts. Truly did President Tucker of Dartmouth College recently say: 'The rising scale of the foreign population is on a better level than the falling scale of our native population.' When we consider the genuine worth of the great majority of our immigrant Americans, and their untold thousands of honest though humble homes, we must admit that, from the standpoint of integrity and morality, they are daily strengthening the mighty bulwarks of our civilization."

"Almighty God is sending the immigrant to our land to build a mighty nation and assist in working out His great design for the human race. A sacred duty devolves upon us as native-born Americans. Would we transform the immigrant into a better citizen? Then let us, by our example, show him the ideal citizenship. Would we impress him more forcibly with our principles of liberty under law? Then let us see to a far stricter enforcement of our laws, since upon their observance depends the liberty they secure. Would we assure him of our equality before the law? Then let us punish the criminal who steals a dozen coal mines as quickly as we punish a little immigrant child who takes coal from a railroad track. Would we impress him with the dignity and power of our law? Then let us stamp out our unparalleled curse of lynching. With us rests the future of the immigrant, and through him, in a large measure, the future of our Republic. Has his foreign oppression embittered him against all forms of government? Let us teach him the life of Washington, who knew no sacrifice too great for his country's good. Is he made skeptical of the stability of our institutions by the political corruption abroad in the land? Let us tell him of Lincoln, whose last breath was a prayer that his country might be preserved. Then, as time goes on, out of our present babel of tongues, out of our social, economic and political struggles, out of the union of all the races of God's creation shall arise God's greatest nation—still our own beloved Republic."

The Foreign Correspondence Report is the work of Bro. James W. Foley, P.G.M.

He devotes one page to Alberta, 1912, and refers briefly to most of the important items contained in the proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Walter E. Williamson ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell ----------Grand Secretary

NOVA SCOTIA.

48th Annual. Amherst June 11th, 1913.

A photo of M.W. Bro. William M. Christie, K.C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, appears on the first page of the proceedings.

A special communication was held for the purpose of dedicating the new building of Annapolis Royal Lodge, No. 33, of that town, erected by and presented to the Lodge by Bro. George B. Harris, Past Master of the Lodge, now and for several years past a resident of British Columbia.

M.W. Bros. S. W. Crabb and P. Doull, P.G.M.'s of the Grand Lodge of P. E. Island, were welcome visitors at the Annual Communication.

Immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge a procession was formed under the Director of Ceremonies and headed by the Amherst Brass Band, marched to St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, where Divine Service was held. The sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain.

This Grand Jurisdiction has 88 Lodges, with a total membership of 6528, an increase of 72 during the year.

Out of a total of $9376.45 collected for all purposes, $3337.50 was given in aid of the Masons' Home.

For the report of the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall, we copy the following: "The Secretary was directed to make enquiry from some of the officers of the Masonic Realty Co. as to the rates charged by that Company." Perhaps a satisfactory explanation can be made, but this looks like trafficking in Masonry.

The Committee on Charity reported that they had only one case for relief during the year and that was for a brother from England, who was sick and in destitute circumstances The Trustees granted $25.00 for the benefit of this destressed brother.

R.W. Bro. Thos. Mowbray, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee presented his thirteenth review of Sister Grand Jurisdictions. He devotes three pages to a complete review of Alberta 1912, and commends the work done by our efficient Secretary, Bro. Dr. Geo. Macdonald. He also suggests that we appoint a Grand Historian and have a complete history prepared while Grand Lodge is yet in its youth.

M.W. Bro. William Medford Christie ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray ----------Grand Secretary

OHIO.

104th Annual. Columbus, Oct. 22nd, 1913.

At 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 22nd, 1913, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio was escorted by Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars and a number of brethren of the local Lodges to the auditorium of the new Masonic Temple in Columbus, Ohio, and convened in its One Hundred and Fourth Annual Grand Communication.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters supported M.W. Bro. Edwin S. Griffiths in the Grand East.

Only 10 out of a total number of 536 Lodges, were not represented at this annual gathering.

Corner-stones of thirteen public buildings were laid with appropriate ceremonies by the Grand Master or his representative. In this connection the most interesting event was the laying of the corner-stone of the "Perry Memorial" in commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie and of the peace of 1814. Led by an escort of over a thousand Knights Templars, the officers and members of Grand Lodge marched from the park in the village of Put-in-Bay to the base of the memorial, and after listening to an eloquent address by the President of the Ohio Commission, the

Grand Master performed the ceremony "in due and ancient form." In his address he says:—

> "As the ceremonies proceeded and the Junior Grand Warden raised the vessel of oil above the corner-stone on which the memorial is to rest, and pronounced that portion of the Ritual beginning: 'I pour this oil as an emblem of peace May the blessing of peace abide with us continually,' each one seemed to feel something of the solemnity and grandeur of the conception which this memorial is intended to typify.
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> "It consists of three parts, a great Doric column of pink-white granite, forty-five feet in diameter and three hundred and thirty-five feet in height, standing in the center of a plaza which extends from a museum on the one hand, to an heroic bronze statue flanked by a colonnade, typifying peace by arbitration, upon the other, and from the waters of Lake Erie to those of Put-in-Bay. The whole when completed will appear to rise pure and spotless out of the waters of the lake, as did the fame of this young naval officer, whose achievements brought victory and with it a hundred years of peace to the English-speaking races of the world; a peace which will no doubt be made perpetual by the adoption of an arbitration treaty represented by the statue and colonnade already mentioned."

Last March a large part of the State of Ohio was inundated by the floods of the Ohio River, and thousands of the citizens were rendered homeless and in immediate want. The brethren of Ohio and of Sister Jurisdictions responded promptly and generously to the appeal for aid. The Relief Committee received $31,100.43 from the Masons of Ohio and $63,024.49 from other Grand Jurisdictions. For many days over 5,000 homeless hungry people were fed by the Masons of Columbus. There was enough to meet all demands and a balance to be returned to the contributors. All honor to our brethren who responded so nobly to these worthy appeals. Having traveled through the State shortly after the flood, I was an eye-witness to the awful devastation and ruin of this disaster.

One of the concluding paragraphs of Grand Master Griffith's address is especially worthy of a place in our review. It is this:—

> "And there is another story that cannot be told in words. It is the glory of our Ancient Craft that, through the corporate transactions of the Grand and Constituent Bodies may be recorded in published annals and kept through the years in

public archives, the real works of Freemasonry are performed in unostentatious quiet, unheralded, unblazoned, unchronicled to public fame, but nevertheless constituting lasting history because such works are born of the divine in man and never, never, never die. The record may be written of prompt and effective Masonic relief, unstintingly poured out with eager helpfulness and generous liberality in times of great disaster and imminent need such as have called to us during the year. But what story can be told of Masonic charity which, daily and hourly, in every city, village, and hamlet of our State, enters the abode of the poor, hears the wail of a child in hunger, regards the sob of a mother in distress, sees the anguish of a strong man in his hour of desperation, and feeds the starving, succors the afflicted, helps, sustains, and strengthens the despairing. It is such Masonry that makes the arid waste of desolation blossom into a garden of joy and yet leaves no record except for him who, refreshed by the fragrance and beauty of the roses, feels that a Mason has been there."

A standing resolution was passed, providing for the payment of all the Grand Master's expenses, which in the aggregate may not exceed $1000 per annum. The salary of Grand Secretary Bromwell was increased to $2500 per annum.

Bro. Nelson Williams received $500 for his services as Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. His review covers 186 pages, and must have occupied a large amount of time and thought, judging from the excellence of diction and completeness of the work throughout.

We are surprised to learn that the Grand Orient of Italy has established a symbolic Lodge within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which is contrary to the Landmarks of our Order, and agree with our Brother reviewer when he says:—

"We notice an inclination on the part of the Grand Orient of Italy to ignore this doctrine of territorial sovereignity, and with a boldness which seems to meet with very little opposition it has established Lodges within the Jurisdiction of three or four American Grand Lodges, and it is our humble opinion that the thing should be stopped. It is not for us to suggest what the Grand Lodge of New Jersey should do or should have done, but if we had been Grand Master, and nothing else could have been done, we should have at least interdicted visitation of the brethren of legitimate Subordinate Lodges to this Italian Lodge, and closed the doors of the legitimate Lodges to the members of the Italian Lodge."

The general excellence of the proceedings is enhanced by including therein photogravures of nineteen beautiful Masonic Temples owned by the brethren of Ohio.

M.W. Bro. Charles J. Pretzman ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell ----------Grand Secretary

OKLAHOMA.

5th Annual. Guthrie, Feb. 12th, 1913.

A photo of Grand Master Dr. Charles L. Reeder, and a brief history of his life are found on the first two pages of the printed proceedings.

Two Masonic Temples were dedicated and eight corner-stones were laid by the Grand Master during his Masonic year.

Nine dispensations were granted to form new Lodges, and thirteen new Lodges were constituted during the year.

A special dispensation was given by the Grand Master to hold a public installation of officers.

The Grand Master made an urgent appeal for contributions from the brethren to make certain necessary additions to the Masonic Home. In the course of his remarks he says:—

> "Brethren, our children, relations, friends, honors, houses, lands, and endowments, the goods of nature and fortune, nay, even of grace itself, are only lent. It is our misfortune, and our sin, to fancy they are given. We start, therefore, and are angry when the loan is called in. We think ourselves master, when we are only stewards, and forget that to each of us it will one day be said, 'Give an account of thy stewardship.'"

During the afternoon session of the first day, the children of the Masonic Home rendered an enjoyable program, and on the suggestion of Bro. Muldrow a collection was taken to purchase balls, bats, etc., for the children. The sum of $63.25 was contributed by the brethren.

The Grand Oration was delivered by Bro. Wm. H. Talmage on **"The Square of Virtue."** It is an excellent one, and I have taken the liberty of quoting the major portion of it in full:—

"What would Masonry be without the Square?

"What would the Square amount to if it had, for us, no speculative value?

"Admiting that it is the symbol of 'virtue and morality' it is yet quite possible for us to have such a false or imperfect idea of the terms virtue and morality as to make the Square almost worthless as a symbolic vehicle of truth.

"Let us test our Masonic Square to see if it is standard.

"What shall be the standard measure?

"'Love' you will say. 'All virtue is contained in 'love' for God is love. True. But what do you mean? That word changes meanings with time and different localities. Charity is the old English word for love. **'God is Charity'** is as true a statement as to say 'God is love.' Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity and the greatest of these is Charity. Here we begin to discover a difference of opinion arising out of the choice of words to convey the true conception of virtue.

"We say that the miser 'loves money', when he does nothing of the kind. He loves himself and perhaps some member of his family, but he does not love so boundlessly as to love inanimate objects. He desires money but he does not love it or have any virtuous feelings toward it whatsoever.

"In some countries the word love, has such a sensuous meaning attached to it as to render it an almost unfit word to apply to the Grand Architect of the Universe as an attribute.

"While 'Charity,' that word which was probably used by the early translators of the Bible on account of the misleading term 'love', itself has changed in meaning until, in the minds of many, Charity means little more than a disposition to overlook or excuse shortcomings in others or to contribute alms to the poor.

"To say that God is either 'charity' or 'love' may, therefore, mean nothing of ethical value.

"If we adopt the false meaning of the word 'love' we may think that we love God or our neighbor, just as we think

a man loves money, when we are not really loving God or money at all, but simply desiring the selfish advantage which we hope to get by means of them.

"Or we may think we love flowers and that that kind of love toward God or man would be standard, when the sentiment falls far short of the prime virtue and is nothing more than a feeling of admiration and a desire to be in the presence of the object which awakens in us such pleasant thoughts There is no generosity in such a sentiment. Admiration of an object, worthy of admiration, is not 'love', but one of the lower virtues which the commonest pickpicket might possess.

"What kind of love is it that composes the supreme virtue and is God's chiefest attribute? Knowing this we shall better understand the meaning of the 'Square of Virtue.'

"Here it is. 'Love your enemies.'

"That kind of 'love' is even yet a stranger in the world.

"When the Master gave that command to the world, he knew man's ignorance and proclivities to selfishness and errors, so he immediately safeguarded the meaning of 'love' when used in connection with enemies, by saying 'bless them that curse you. Do good to them who despitefully use you.'

"Love, therefore, in its highest and noblest sense, has a meaning conveyed by the words 'bless', 'do good', or expressed by the one word 'benevolence.'

"This simplifies matters somewhat; for there are many who have from childhood heard the command 'love your enemies' without feeling any remorse for disobeying it. They believed that it recommended some angelic virtue which no ordinary mortal should be expected to possess. The trouble consisted in the fact that they had a false idea of the meaning of that word 'love,' and believed it meant that they should have a feeling of emotion for friend and foe for mean and noble, alike.

"Love, to be a virtue, must be a product of the Will.

"Our emotions—likes and dislikes—are often not subjects of the Will. But we can, at will, choose to 'bless' and 'do good,' even to those who are most repugnant to us. This is self-mastery. The Mason who applies this kind of a 'square of virtue' is a master indeed, and not in name only. And there is no moment of our lives but will admit of 'benevolence' either in thought, word or deed.

"The greatest of these is benevolence.

"God is benevolence.

"All virtues are but manifestations of benevolence. Examine them for yourself and see.

"Mercy is benevolence toward the guilty.

"Piety is benevolence toward the unfortunate.

"Charity is benevloence towards the seemingly guilty.

"Justice is benevolence protecting the injured or those in danger.

"Patience is benevolence bearing burdens.

"Faith is benevolence judging God to be like itself, benevolent; creating the happy expectation toward Him which that attitude inspires.

"Honesty is benevolence garding the property of others

"And the square of benevolence would fit all around the circle. Thus we discover that any virtue is benevolence toward somebody, or something, and we name it gratitude, honesty, humility, justice, mercy, and according to the circumstances through which it is manifested, by God or man. This is the square to all that is right in the Bible or out of it.

"And now we begin to see why the Great Light declares, 'And the greatest of these is benevolence.' It is because all other virtues are derived from it and are but different modes of its manifestation.

"The LACK OF BENEVOLENCE must therefore, be the parent sin and all other sins but different modes of 'lack of benevolence'. This is the key which unlocks truth as to what is evil.

"If we will keep this simple rule in mind the 'Square of Virtue' will ultimately become for us the greatest symbol in the universe.

"This is the key. An act is virtuous, only, when it is benevolent. It is base and unmasonic when it lacks benevolence."

The funds of this Grand Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition. The total expenditures for the year were $67,866.68, and the total balances on hand were $46,498.11. The sum of $4,433.10 was paid as mileage and per diem expenses to those in attendance at Grand Lodge.

A brief Foreign Correspondence Report was presented by Bro. Thomas C. Humphry, P.G.M. It includes 35 pages of closely printed matter. A short fraternal reference, of about 15 lines, is made to our Annual Convocation of 1912.

M.W. Bro. Charles L. Reeder ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. M. Anderson ----------Grand Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1913.

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held in addition to the Annual Communications on Dec. 27th, 1913.

A number of letters were received at the first quarterly Communication from Subordinate Lodges, requesting that leave be granted to receive a third or fourth petition from an applicant for initiation and membership, and said leave was usually granted.

This Grand Lodge, which has a total membership of 11,500, is considering the question of securing accommodation to meet its ever increasing needs. The growth in membership is at the rate of 225 per year.

The financial condition of this Grand Lodge is excellent. By reason of a number of bequests from wealthy brethren they have ample funds to meet all demands for charity. A considerable portion of the proceedings is taken up with statements of the expenditures in the various Masonic Homes under this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Phillipine Islands and wished them every prosperity.

The brethren of Pennsylvania have reason to be proud of their magnificient library and museum. The library contained 11,793 volumes and the museum many rare Masonic jewels, coins, certificates, etc.

The following extracts are taken from the Grand Master's address:—

"Ritualistic teaching is very important with us, in that we have not, nor do we recognize or permit the use of printed or written lectures, monitors or keys. Our work is communicated from one to the other, and its purity is a striking proof of the correctness of our system. None may plead ignorance when so many are willing to help others to acquire the work of this Jurisdiction.

"The mere conferring of Degrees, while important, is not the most vital of our labors. Those already members of our Lodges should receive as much, if not more, consideration than those who are not.

"As an additional adjunct or means of education, it is earnestly recommended that Masters of Lodges, during the present Masonic year, set aside at least one meeting (two or three would be far better) for the delivery of addresses upon the symbolic meaning of the Ritual and its practical application to our every-day life; and also for the encouragement of the social virtues.

"District Deputy Grand Masters are requested to take this matter up in their Districts, and urge its becoming a habit honored in the observance, and not in the breach.

"The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall; but in charity there is no excess, neither can angel or man come in danger by it.

"President Hadley, of Yale University, a well-known educator, in one of his addresses said:—

"I do not know of any quality which is more needed in our public life * * * than an absolute refusal to repeat unproved tales to the detriment of others. Many a man who would be ashamed to start gossip or slander is willing to repeat it. Many a man who would scorn to strike his neighbor behind his back is content to stab his neighbor's reputation by the utterance of half truths which are worse than lies in their effect. * * * Our country needs citizens who are straight-forward enough to tell the truth to themselves, charitable enough to think no ill of their neighbor, sound of judgment to value men and things for what they really are, strong of principle to sink the ideal of self in the ideal of duty.'"

Bro. James M. Lamberton, P.G.M., presented the Foreign Correspondence Report, which is one of the most interesting we have read throughout the year. We hope our brother has fully recovered from his illness and may be spared for many years to come.

M.W. Bro. J. Henry Williams ----------Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Jno. A. Perry ----------Grand Secretary

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

38th Annual. Charlettetown, June 25th, 1913.

Seventeen Subordnate Lodges comprise this Grand Lodge. The total membership is 769, a net gain of 28 during last year. The financial statement give the total receipts as $433.45 for 1913.

The Benevolent Fund account shows a credit balance of $3717.-98. This is a very good showing, considering the numerical strength of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master John F. Profit reports that he visited every Lodge during the year, and that unity and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge is evidently very fortunate in its choice of Grand Secretary. He not only performed the duties of his office satisfactorily, but also accompanied the Grand Master in nearly all his official visits, and likewise prepared a brief Foreign Correspondence Report. The proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges were not reviewed by him. A complete list of the officers and members of each Subordinate Lodge is included in the proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Fullerton ----------Grand Master

M.W. Bro. W. P. Doull ----------Grand Secretary

QUEBEC.

43rd Annual. Montreal, Feb. 12th, 1913.

Eight Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the City of Montreal, by M.W. Bro. Rev. Frank Charters, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, was also present.

Duly accredited representatives were present from 59 out of a total of 65 Lodges.

Grand Master Charters conducted divine worship for seven different Lodges during his second year of office His annual address is a complete review of his Masonic acts during the past year.

This Grand Jurisdiction is divided into seven Districts, each under the immediate direction of a District Deputy Grand Master. The Shefford and Brome District was the only one which held a district meeting. These Lodges of Instruction aid greatly in securing uniformity of work, and a better fraternal spirit among the brethren, and every district should be urged to follow the example set by this one.

The total membership is 7,362, being a net increase of 341 during the year.

The total receipts amounted to $9,024.75; of this amount $3,595.75 was received for the Permanent Benevolent Fund, and the balance for the General Fund. The Permanent Benevolent Fund has to its credit $34,796.87.

R.W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, besides attending to his official duties as Grand Secretary accompanied the Grand Master on a number of his official visits, and instructed the brethren as to the proper conduct of the work.

The Grand Secretary ought to be, and usually is, the best posted officer of Grand Lodge and his services should, whenever possible, be at the disposal of the brethren. Of course it is only reasonable to expect this, when the Secretary receives such remuneration for his services, that he can afford to devote his whole time to the cause of Masonry.

R.W. Bro. Rev. William Henderson, District Grand Chaplain, delivered an interesting discourse on The Genesis and Characteristics of Freemasonry.

He concluded his address by quoting this poem on

"MASONIC EMBLEMS.

You wear the Square but do you have
The thing the Square denotes?
Is there within your inmost soul
That principle which should control
All deeds and words and thoughts?
The Square of Virtue—is it there,
O you, that wear the Mason's Square?

You wear the Compass; do you keep
Within that circle due,
That's circumscribed by law divine,
Excluding hatred, envy, sin,
Including all that's true?
The Compass does it trace that curve
Inside of which no passions swerve?

You wear the type of Diety;
Ah, brother, have a care.
He whose all-seeing eye surveys
Your inmost thoughts with open gaze,
He knows what thoughts are there
Oh, send no light, irreverent word
From sinful man to sinless God.

You wear the Trowel, do you have
That mortar old and pure,
Made on the recipe of God,
Recorded in His Ancient Word,
Indissoluble, sure?
And do you spread with master's care
The precious mixture here and there?

My brother, if you will display
These emblems of our art,
Let the great moral that they teach
Be deeply graven, each for each,
Upon your honest heart,
So they will tell to God and man,
Our ancient, holy, perfect plan."

Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers again presents the report on Foreign Correspondence. It contains much valuable information obtained from the various proceedings reviewed. We desire to thank our brother for the encouraging reference to our maiden effort in this regard. We heartily agree with him when he says:—

> "Our Lodges need, in some instances, to be reminded that the conferring of Degrees is not by any means all there is of Masonic work. Too often we fear it is only too true that Lodges 'have no work on' when there are no Degrees to be conferred Yet this should not be. The first and chief duty of a Master is not to confer Degrees, but instruct the brethren or to cause the same to be done by a fit and proper person in his absence. Even when there is Degree work to be done, it should not usurp the entire time of the Lodge. No wonder is it that so many Lodge members tire of attending meetings at which nothing but Degree work is done. It would often be far better for the Master to introduce attractive lectures or papers by well-skilled brothers in the Lodge on regular meeting nights, and, if necessary, to postpone a part or the whole of the Degree work to an emergent meeting. Lodges are mainly for the instruction, the improvement and the mutual benefit of their members, and not recruiting grounds for the Craft. And Masonry is a beautiful system of morality, and not an organization whose chief aim is its own aggrandisement."

M.W. Bro. John E. Wright ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Will. H. Whyte ----------Grand Secretary

QUEENSLAND.

8th Annual.

Quarterly Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year, under the guiding hand of M.W. Bro. A. M. Hertsberg, Grand Master.

It is evidently the practice of Grand Lodge to attend as many Installation Ceremonies in the daughter lodges as possible. The Deputy Grand Master conducted twenty out of the thirty-seven ceremonies.

All the Grand Lodge Officers are active in the discharge of Masonic duties during the year. The Grand Master travelled 1,524 miles; Deputy Grand Master 1,560 miles; Senior Grand Warden 1,168 miles; Junior Grand Warden 700 miles; Grand Secretary 2,648 miles, etc.

The accumulated funds in the General Account, Benevolent Account, and Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Institution amount to about $5,000.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland sent a cablegram to the Grand Master of Queensland stating that they had unanimously passed a resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland. The following letter was afterwards received:—

"The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland again came before Grand Lodge during the year, when it was finally resolved that it should be recognised as an independent and regular Masonic Body. So long ago as in 1903 a letter was received from the then Provincial Grand Lodge of Queensland under the Irish Constitution, respecting the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge in that Colony, and in October of that year Grand Lodge directed a cablegram to be sent 'Approved if regularly formed." The Body was immediately afterwards established, but unfortunately has been refused recognition by both the Grand Lodge of England and Scotland on account of alleged informality in its constitution.

"Exactly two years after, in October, 1905, a meeting of delegates of the three Sister Constitutions took place in London, when it was agreed inter alia.

"'That the question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any Colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction and have Warranted Lodges working therein, shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the Lodges under each jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body, the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new Lodge within the jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of Lodges not adhering to the new body shall be fully safeguarded.'

"Although this agreement has obviously no retrospective application, and that there are no Irish Lodges in the Colony, yet in deference to the views of the Grand Lodges of England

and Scotland the question of recognition was from time to time postponed, but in view of its conditional approval in 1903 it was felt that the time had come for this Grand Lodge to carry out its promise. The only serious irregularity alleged, was its formation by a minority of Lodges in the district, but there does not appear to be any Masonic Authority requiring a majority under such circumstances, on the contrary, many of the recognised Grand Lodges have been established under similar conditions, and in other respects the formation was carried out in a perfectly Masonic manner, and recognised as such by most of the neighbouring jurisdictions in Australasia."

This Grand Lodge is still unrecognised by the other Grand Lodges of the Motherland.

The excellent Masonic spirit of the Grand Master is told by himself in these words:—

""We desire a proper fusion of all who love the "Grand Old Craft," so that every section shall be fully represented in one United Body, striving with all its might to remove from our fellows unhappiness and misery and alleviating the incidents of sorrow, want and affliction, which are part of human life and which bear upon some of our Brethren in undue proportion. We want to demonstrate that ours is the broadest platform on earth, uniting men of all creeds and countries in the one sublime effort to uplift humanity and lessen misery and vice wherever found."

One new lodge was consecrated during the year. It was named Adolph Hertzberg Lodge, in honor of the Grand Master. His brother R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master Abraham Hertzberg was the first Master and his eldest son Bro. Marcus Hertzberg was the first Senior Warden.

A special communication of this Grand Lodge was convened on August 5th as a Lodge of Sorrow to show the affection of the Brethren for M.W. Bro. Geo. S. Hutton, the first Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. Special services were held in the Lodge Room. At the conclusion of these services the body was laid to rest by the Brethren with appropriate ceremonies.

There is no foreign correspondence report.

M.W. Bro. A. M. Hertzberg ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Harley ----------Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN.

7th Annual. Saskatoon, June 18th, 1913.

Two Especial Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year; one for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple in the Town of Pense, and the other to receive and consider the report of the committee on the revision of the Constitution. The revised Constitution will become effective at the close of the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

The growth of Masonry in this Province has been phenomenal There are now 106 lodges having a total membership of 5,090; and increase of 1,041 during the year.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan claims no jurisdiction over any rejected material not resident in the territory of Grand Lodge. In our opinion, this is the proper attitude to take, and if followed by the other Grand Lodges would settle for ever the question of Jurisdiction.

The sudden disaster which overtook the City of Regina served to test the largeness of heart of the brethren of surrounding Lodges and Jurisdictions. We are pleased to learn, for the first time, that Bow River Lodge, No. 1 of Calgary, forwarded a cheque for $150 to aid the suffering brethren.

The Benevolent Fund of this Grand Lodge is growing rapidly. Many of the Lodges have voluntarily taxed themselves one dollar per capita per annum, while others have given a yearly grant for that purpose. They have $8,800 to their credit for Benevolences.

Grand Master Gorrell gave special attention to the establishing of a uniformity of work throughout the Province. He held two Schools of Instruction for the District Deputy Grand Masters, and afterwards attended twelve Lodges of Instruction one of which was held in every District in the Province.

He recommends that every Masonic Lodge should be occupied by Masons only. While this is desirable I fear it would be a financial hardship for many of the lodges in the outlying districts to maintain a room exclusively for Masonic purposes. This we know to be true in the Sister Province to the West.

The following is the estimated amount of expenses for the year 1914:—

EXPENDITURES.

Grand Secretary's Salary	$ 1,800
Auditor's Fee	150
Grand Tyler	15
Stenographer	300
Janitor	24
Rent	660
Postage	250
Insurance and Bonds, etc	20
Furniture	100
Printing of Constitution	1,500
Printing of Supplies	1,500
Grand Master's Travelling Expenses	300
D.D.G.M.'s Travelling Expenses	500
Expenses Board of General Purposes	300
Expenses Lodge of Instruction	100
Foreign Correspondence	200
Apportionment for Board of General Purposes	200
Committee of Grand Lodge for Revision of Constitution	300
Total	$ 8,219

Bro. A. S. Gorell, Grand Master submits his fourth annual report of the review of Sister Grand Jurisdictions. It covers 165 pages, and contains much general information, which the brethren of Saskatchewan should read with care.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Willoughby ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Jno. M. Shaw ----------Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, April 16, 1913.

The Right Honorable, Sir S. J. Way, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., L.L.D., Lieut.-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, etc., M.W. Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Eustace Beardoe Grundy, K.C., Pro. Grand Master.

The brethren of the Antipodes showed the true Masonic spirit by this prompt and generous act towards our Canadian brethren of a neighboring province:—

> "In July the Province of Saskatchewan, more especially the Capital City of Regina, was devastated by a cyclone, thousands were rendered homeless, and an immense amount of property was destroyed, including the Masonic Temple. The Board of General Purposes, with the approval of the M.W. Grand Master, has voted the sum of £25 towards the relief of any Brethren who may be in distress in consequence of the disaster."

At the half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge the following congratulatory motion was unanimously passed:—

> "This Grand Lodge heartily congratulates the M.W. Grand Master on attaining the jubilee of his initiation into Freemasonry, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his long and valued services to the Craft, in the high offices of the Grand Master and Pro. Grand Master, and to express the hope that he may be spared for many years to preside over and guide the destiny of the Craft in this State."

Grand Master Way was unanimously re-elected for the twenty-third time to preside over the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction. Within twenty-nine years, since the completion of Masonic Union in South Australia, the membership has risen from 2,000 to over 4,000. Warrants were issued for the constitution of four new Lodges in different parts of the State. During the past year £838 were distributed in aid of aged and distressed Freemasons and their families by Grand Lodge.

The progress of the Craft in South Australia during the past twelve months has been well maintained. During the year there were 495 initiations, which easily constitutes a record, the next highest number being 406 in 1910. The total number of subscribing members at Dec. 31st, 1912, was 4904, which is an increase of 480 on last year's members. There are 68 Lodges in active work, and they are distributed as follows: City, 13; Suburban, 12; Country (i.e., outside a 10-mile radius of the City), 43. There are 32 Temples in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Board of General Purposes made the following suggestion, which might with profit be adopted by other Grand Lodges. They suggested in all future appointments of Grand Representatives,

each representative be asked to undertake the review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of which he is the represntative, thus enabling him to get into closer touch with the working of that jurisdiction.

The total worth of the Grand Lodge Funds is as follows:—

Freemasons' Hall Property Fund ----	£22,911	15s. 9d.
Grand Lodge General Fund ----------	£1,310	12s. 10d.
Benevolent Fund -------------------	£2,198	16s. 10d.
Permanent Benevolent Fund --------	£1,254	13s. 7d.

The practice of having a number of well skilled brethren address the lodge at stated meetings is becoming more general, and we are pleased to note that the Inspectors of Lodges in South Australia recommend such action.

Grand Secretary Chas. R. J. Glover gives a brief but interesting history of Freemasonry in South Australia from 1844 to 1854.

At the laying of the corner-stone of the German and British Hospital by the Provincial Grand Master in 1851, the following interesting account is given of the banquet partaken by the 120 brethren present on that occasion:—

> "The banquet was prepared in Dyke's best style Viands of the most choice and delicate description were prepared with an excellence of culinary art, inferior, perhaps, only to the great secrets possessed by the Freemasons themselves. There were mountains of flesh supplied from various tribes and races of animals that have contributed to human sustentation since the days of Nimrod.
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> "Lakes of soups, oceans of wine, pyramids of potatoes and other vegetables, palaces of pastry—the animal and vegetable kingdoms ransacked to produce "a great exhibition" of edibles, to be reduced in two short hours to heaps of ruins, over which the comparative anatomist would be puzzled, and the Archaeologist might pore in vain."

The proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges were read by a committee of fourteen brethren, each doing his share of the work, in an able manner. Alberta 1912 was reviewed by Bro. A. J. Adams.

For Alberta this pleasant task was assigned to the Chairman of the Committee; and we desire to thank our brother for these words:—

"We have read with very great pleasure the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence—a particularly strong Committee, the large majority of which are Past Grand Masters. It is our misfortune that the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Australia had not reached the hands of such an able body of reviewers."

M.W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Sir S. J. Way ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover ----------Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

137th Annual. Charlestown, Dec. 9 1913.

The Annual address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Geo. S Mower, contains a full account of his official acts during his tenure of office.

He attended a meeting of The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held at Alexandria, Va., and a conference of Grand Masters held in the Masonic Temple at Indianapolis. He spoke approvingly of both these gatherings. He included the name of our beloved Past Grand Master, J. J. Dunlop in his list of distinguished brethren, who had died during the year.

He issued commissions to his District Deputies to constitute six new lodges.

The reports of the eighteen D.D.G.M.'s show that they were zealous and painstaking in the discharge of their official duties as representatives of the Grand Master.

The Masonic Temple Committee of Grand Lodge recommended that the rent of the Blue Lodge Room for the use of Masonic Bodies be as follows: All Masonic Bodies with a membership of less than 100, $6 per meeting; 100 to 125, $7 per meeting; 125 to 150, $8 per meeting; 150 to 175, $9 per meeting, 175 and over $10 per meeting.

It was agreed by the Masons of South Carolina that a Masonic Home should be erected as soon as the fund now in the hands of the Trustees has reached $100,000. They expect to obtain this

amount in another year and the Trustees were authorized to advertise for a site for the erection of a Home and report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The following amendment was made to the Constitution:—

"Our representative from each Lodge shall be entitled to receive as his traveling expenses five cents per mile each way and three dollars per day for each day's attendance on the Grand Lodge, which sum shall be paid to the highest officer present: Provided, such per diem and mileage shall not exceed the amount paid as dues to the Grand Lodge by the Subordinate Lodge from which the representative comes."

The services of a stenographer were secured during the sessions of Grand Lodge, and the debates taken verbatim. These were included in the proceedings. Such a practice may cause the brethren to be more careful as to what they say during the discussion, but it somwhat impairs the litarary excellence of the Proceedings.

The total membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is 15,300, a net gain of 655 during the year.

The Annual review of other Jurisdictions is from the pen of Bro. J. L. Michie, P.G.M., and consists of 165 pages of useful information. He devotes about two pages to Alberta 1912 and 1913. We desire to thank him for his kind reference to our "initial effort", and hope that our succeeding reviews will meet with his approbation.

M.W. Bro. Geo. T. Bryan ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. O. Frank Hart ----------Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

39th Annual. Yankton, June 10, 1913.

Ten Emergent Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year; six to constitute lodges, three for the purpose of laying corner-stones, and one to attend the burial of Oscar S. Gifford, P.G.M.

The fourteen Past Grand Masters present at the Annual Convocation were received with the Grand Honors.

A very graciously worded address of welcome was presented by Bro. White, Mayor of Yankton. Bro. Jas. Roane, W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, also welcomed the delegates in a neatly worded address. St. John's is the oldest Lodge in the Dakotas. It was instituted just fifty years ago, and was proud of the fact that Grand Lodge was uniting with them in celebrating their Golden Anniversary.

Grand Master McMakin wisely refused to grant eight applications to confer degrees, in less than four weeks time, on candidates whose only reasons were that they were going on a journey or removing to some other jurisdiction.

There are one hundred and thirty-four chartered lodges with a total membership of 10,221 in this Grand Jurisdiction. The net gain during the year was 522.

A resolution was passed recognizing the Grand Lodge of Prilippine Islands and authorizing an exchange of Grand Representatives.

This Grand Lodge grants an allowance of 5c per mile to all delegates in attendance at Grand Lodge. The total mileage paid was $1,365.45.

An appropriation of $200 was made for the purchase of Masonic literature during the coming year, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Secretary, who is also Grand Lodge Librarian.

The Committee on Charity report a balance of $8,878.74 on hand. Five per cent. of the Grand Lodge receipts is added annually to this fund. The Committee were of the opinion that the time had not yet arrived for the consideration of a Masonic Home.

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota is to be congratulated on having so efficient a Secretary. The proceedings are very complete and the arrangement throughout is one of the best I have ever examined.

The Foreign Correspondence report by Bro. Brown covers 150 pages. In his brief introduction, he refers to the loss of two noted reviewers, Bros. Thomas M. Matthews of Texas and Christopher Diehl of Utah. The photos of the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Lodges help to adorn the proceedings.

M.W. Bro. Owen H. Williams ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Geo. A. Pettigrew ----------Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

42nd Annual. Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st, 1913.

On the first page of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge we read: "It is the duty of each Worshipful Master to have the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge read in open Lodge, that no Brother can plead ignorance of the transactions of this Grand Lodge."

R.W. Bro. Geo. G. Dern, Deputy Grand Master presided in the Grand East, in the absence of Grand Master Goodwin, who was unable to be present. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta's Grand Representative was absent. The Grand Master's address, which covered nine printed pages, was read by the Grand Secretary. It was of the usual nature, and contained little of special interest to the Brethren of other jurisdictions.

Enthusiasm, unity and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. Two Lodges were constituted during the year. The gain in membership was 102. Total number of members 2,081. Number of lodges 17.

The following article from their Masonic Code clearly defines the duties of Grand Representatives:—

> First.—To attend all Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited, and deposit with the Grand Secretary copies of all official documents emanating from the appointing power.
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> Second.—To acquaint himself with the Constitution, Laws and Work in vogue in the Grand Lodge which he represents, that he may be able to communicate them to the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited.
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> Third.—To welcome, vouch for, and introduce worthy Masons from the jurisdiction which he represents, and to see to their comfort while among us.
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> Fourth.—To strengthen the golden chains of pure friendship between the two Grand Lodges, encourage mutual customs and good will, and give due warning of perils that may threaten both.

An appropriation of $500 was made by Grand Lodge for the purchase of a suitable tablet to be placed in the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City, to the memory of the late R. W. Grand Secretary, Christopher Diehl, who was also for thirty-six years the Foreign Correspondent of this Grand Lodge.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was placed at $825.00 for the ensuing year.

Twenty years ago a signet ring was presented to the Grand Lodge of Utah by M.W. Bro. Emery, to be worn by the Grand Master during his tenure of office and then presented to his successor. The annual presentation is one of the happy events transpiring at each annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Jack, P.G.M., presented his first review of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges. His initial effort is a highly creditable one. We hope he may include Alberta in his list next year.

M.W. Bro. George H. Dern ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Charles B. Jack ----------Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

56th Annual. Aberdeen, June 10, 1913.

Twelve Past Grand Masters were present at the opening of the Grand Lodge of Washington, by M.W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, Grand Master, who is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near this Grand Lodge.

As is the custom in most American Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Washington was opened in Ample Form on the third degree of Masonry.

Grand Master McCandless laid the corner-stones of the following buildings: The Federal Building at Walla Walla, the Highland at Port Angeles, the City Hall of the City of Spokane, and the new Masonic Home at Puyallup.

He concludes his business-like address with these words.—

> "Teach our brethren of this Grand Fraternity to practice in their every day life those principles which we have been taught in the lodge; to work diligently for the up-building of mankind; to live creditably in their every day life, and act honorably by all men, and by so doing help to uplift mankind. While we fight the battles of business life, cultivate that seed which you have sown in the fertile soil of Masonry and you will be entitled to the

WAGES OF LIFE:

"The corn of nourishment, not only that which is supplied to our bodies but also that seed which, planted in the minds of other men, shall bring forth a harvest for good to all mankind; the wine of refreshment, that gives new life to the less fortunate brother, and cheers him on his way; the oil of joy, that smooths the pathway and extends that hand of fellowship and links those pearls with bands of gold unbroken: thus may we truly say 'we have earned the wages of life.'"

The returns show a net gain of 1,288 members and a total membership of 18,407. In this respect the banner lodge of the jurisdiction is Destiny Lodge of Tacoma organized under dispensation with 115 members, raising 43 and affiliating 96.

St. John's Lodge No. 9, Seattle did the largest amount of work, conferring 157 degrees.

About $6,700 was distributed for charitable purposes during the year. The receipts of the Masonic Home Fund amounted to $33,297.27, and the disbursements $23,162.74, leaving a balance of $10,134.53. The total assets of Grand Lodge amount to $133,089.76.

A considerable portion of the proceedings is taken up with a complete report of the progress made by the Masonic Home Committee, which includes a detailed plan for the organization and control of the new Masonic Home at Puyallup.

We enjoyed very much the reading of Grand Orator McCormack's address, and regret that lack of space forbids our quoting it in full. We have selected two paragraphs of especial merit:—

"These days are past. The ancient temple remains in ruins. No longer is heard at the quarries the sound of the gavel. The stones that were fitted for the builders' use have crumbled into dust. Gone are the belted knights who fought so nobly for the city of their faith. Gone are the gleaming falchions and the waiving crest. No longer is the gavel raised to break off the rough corners of stone. No longer is the trowel used to spread the rough cement. Gone are all the operative implements of our Order. No longer are they employed in active labor; but of Masonic truth they have become living symbols that speak to the mind of laws and ideals, the observance of which will render our lives pure and harmonious and our characters firm and symmetrical; so that in place of the early operative Masonry there has sprung up, upon a broader and firmer basis, a spiritual Masonry which we fondly hope and believe will live forever; Masonry that proclaims to all the world 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.'

"Masonry in this age is working out the problem of perpetual peace. From the earliest dawn of civilization every age has had some dominant idea ruling, some truth to work out, something to perform, to help on the perfecting of humanity As a diamond has several faces each of which must be cut and polished, to make it perfect, so each age is necessary, with the special achievement, to round out a perfect condition of things in this life. This truth holds good in the world of ethics as in the physical. One age brought to perfection the fine arts, as sculpture and painting; another, jurisprudence and law; and yet another, discovery and invention. Each one contributed something to the sum-total of knowledge and achievements. Similarly, commerce and trade, with the working out of political principles in their application to National life, may be said to hold the stage at the present time; while in that which relates to our higher interests and concerns and dominant idea appears to be helpfulness, Fraternity and Brotherhood, with Freemasonry persistently pointing the way to that higher man. Its finished product is to be a man in all that constitutes noble manhood rather than a philosopher, painter or statesman; to be a man not only in the physical sense, by courage upon the field of battle, or in mental acquirements as evinced by legal acumen and knowledge of forensic lore—or a philosopher, as shown by great erudition and philosophical insight—but rather a man built upon the solid and enduring foundation-stones of those virtues which have their seat in the heart and upon the shrine of our inner being, where dwell Truth, Justice and Charity; to be a man patterned after the perfect man, beneath whose picture the great artists inscribed the significant words 'Ecce Homo' (behold the man); in brief, to be a man after the description of a learned Jew who nineteen hundred years ago discoursed to the Athenian philosophers upon Mars Hill and convinced them of the great truth of the brotherhood of man which finds its possibility and proof only in the Fatherhood of God. It is to the glory of our Masonic Order that it persistently gives expression to this great outstanding fact of human life, that in true and noble manhood lies the highest honor."

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:—

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington:—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom was referred the communication from Right Worshipful Wm.

H. Gorham, Grand Historian, in the matter of the one-hundredth Anniversary of the Union of the Rival Grand Lodges of England, would respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"WHEREAS, The year 1913 marks the one hundredth aniversary of the Union which brought about the United Grand Lodge of England, and

"WHEREAS, The position of the United Grand Lodge of England in the Masonic World is such as to make her life and her prosperity a matter of interest to the whole Masonic World, and

"WHEREAS, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington is in Fraternal relations with the United Grand Lodge of England, and many other Grand Lodges which trace their lineage to her, and

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge desires to show her appreciation of the prestige and influence of the United Grand Lodge of England throughout the century over which we now look back, THEREFORE,

"BE IT RESOLVED, By the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, assembled in Annual Communication in the City of Aberdeen, Washington, on this 11th day of June, A.D. 1913, A.L. 5913,

"That we hereby extend to the United Grand Lodge of England our most cordial greeting, and Fraternal congratulations on the long line of true and devoted men who have graced her registry during these hundred years, on the service which these brethren have rendered to Masonry and the State, on the influence that has radiated from her to all corners of the world, and on the power which she and those who compose her membership are in everything that tends to the up-building of humanity the whole wide-world around.

"That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge be instructed to transmit these resolutions properly engrossed to the United Grand Lodge of England, and that they be spread upon the minutes of this Grand Lodge."

The expenses and per diem allowance of the officers and representatives of Grand Lodge amounted to $5,728.05.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Ralph C. McAllaster, P.G.M. He devoted part of a page to Alberta 1912, and made brief reference to the growth and harmony existing

throughout the jurisdiction. We appreciate his kind reference to our first effort as Reviewer.

M.W. Bro. Asa H. Hankerson ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro Horace W. Tyler ----------Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

13th Annual. April 1912 to April 1913.

Grand Master, the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D.D., Lord Bishop of Perth, in his address at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, makes the following reference to the time honored toast "The King and the Craft":—

> "Since the death of His late Majesty, King Edward VII, 'Protector of the Craft,' the question has been widely discussed as to the proper form of submitting what is generally known as the 'Loyal Toast,' and as much difference of opinion has arisen, I propose to say a few words on the subject for the guidance of the brethren in the jurisdiction. So important was the question considered in England that the matter was thoroughly examined by Wor. Bro. J. P. Simpson, Past Assistant Grand Registrar, who elicited much information of great interest to the Craft. In the year 1738 the Rev. James Anderson, D.D., compiled the English Book of Constitutions. He informs us that in 1430 in the time of King James I, of Scotland, this Toast was drunk by the Lodges in Scotland. St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Glasgow, have still in their possession a celebrated chest which apparently was used at all great Masonic functions in the 17th century, and to contain records. Outside is carved 'GOD SAVE THE KING AND MASON, 1648.' The next reference is to the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new banqueting hall at Whitehall in 1607, when a purse of broad pieces was laid upon the stone of the Masons to drink to 'The King and the Craft.' In 1719 at the Festival of the year, Dr. Desaguliers, the then Grand Master, renewed the old and peculiar toasts and healths of Freemasonry, the first again being 'The King and Craft.' At the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Church of St. Martin's, in Campis, in the reign of George I, 1727, the toast of 'The King and the Craft,' was drunk with full Masonic honours. In all toast lists, whether in the 18th or 19th century, this toast holds the foremost

place. At the Act of Union of 'The Athol or Antients' and 'Senior or Modern' in 1813, the toast was given with full Masonic honours. The Grand Secretary of the 'Ancients' sets out in the minutes of his Grand Lodge on two occasions the correct toasts to be given. In the minutes of June, 1760, and again the minutes of September, 1761, the authorized toast 'The King and the Craft,' heads the list. On the first date George II was King, and on the second George III, and neither of these monarchs were Freemasons. In regard to the Grand Lodge of Ireland we find in the Constitution published in Dublin in the year 1751, that when the Foundation Stone of the Parliament House was laid, a great number of Freemasons were present and the health of 'The King and the Craft' was drunk, and in the Book of Constitutions of the same Grand Lodge published in 1817, the first toast is that of 'The King and the Craft.' During the lifetime of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria the first recognized toast was 'The Queen and the Craft.' At the Festival of the Grand Lodge of England held in May last year, the Pro-Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, said, in proposing the toast:—'Brethren, I give you the time-honoured toast of 'The King and the Craft,' and perhaps you will allow me just for once in a while to say that not only is the toast time-honoured, but it has a meaning which is not understood by all brethren. There are some who think that if they drink to the King and the Craft they are in one and the same breath honouring His Majesty the King and drinking prosperity to the Craft. I venture to think that is not so. I think the true significance is this—that, as Freemasons one of the first principles we are obliged to practice as citizens of the world is that of loyalty to the government under which we live, and, above all, loyalty to the Sovereign. We cannot in conformity with our pledges associate ourselves with any men, whether they be Freemasons or otherwise, or whether they be men of our own country or in foreign countries, who are concerned in plots or conspiracies, or who are undermining the monarchy under which they live That is the significance of the toast. It is a pledge to which we might be called upon to prove our sincere attachment, and it is of that I wish to remind you.' I agree with everything that Lord Ampthill has said, and I hope that the first toast of the evening will retain its time-honoured form—'The King and the Craft."

Grand Lodge approved of the action of the Board of General Purposes in granting permission to Nanine Lodge to go into recess for twelve months. The application stated that at the present time there were not sufficient members residing at Nanine and the immediate districts to properly carry on the work of the Lodge.

The Grand Master, at the second Quarterly Communication, delivered a brief but interesting address to the Brethren. His remarks relating to "War" should be read by every brother. We quote them in full.—

"I desire, further, to say that I am certain that every Freemason the world over must be feeling dire distress at the thought that part of Europe has been plunged into a dreadful war. Here we are, belonging to a vast body all over the world, pledged, if possible, to the preservation of peace. The very existence of our body is in order that we may live in harmony one with the other, and I have always thought that in the future, if not to-day, the Masonic body might be one of the most powerful factors for peace over the whole of the earth. Now, we cannot see Europe plunged in war without asking ourselves what we have done as brethren, and what we have done as a Craft, to try and keep peace among the nations. It is not our business to enter into political life; it is not our business to enquire which State is right and which is wrong; it is but our business to lament the fact that war has broken out, and that, alas' now it is a religious war. I mean that it seems to be a war between the Crescent and the Cross. Here are we, one of the most powerful, all-embracing bodies in the world, and it does seem to me that we might do something to cement together the people of the world far more than we have done hitherto. I am afraid that vast numbers of us think it is no use doing anything, and we therefore do nothing. I am convinced myself that if all the Grand Lodges of the world make up their minds that they would work for the peace of humanity very much might be done. I do not know whether it would be worth while, or feasible, that our Grand Lodge should approach other Grand Lodges with the object of trying to stir up public opinion the world over to make men believe that the best way of settling disputes between nations is not by the final arbitrament of arms, which brings untold horror and untold misery and suffering upon the widows and orphans, and the weak and the homeless, but it would be far better if peaceful methods can be applied to the solution of the difficulties of the age. Now, you will forgive me, I am sure, for expressing these thoughts that we, who have bound ourselves together under the banner of peace and harmony cannot see men at each other's throats without feeling that we can lift up our voices to the Great Architect of the Universe to bring men once more to their senses, and let them understand once more that peace and harmony are infinitely grander than slaying and maiming, and that if men are to be true men they should allow the nobler passions of justice and right and harmony and peace

to prevail rather than that which is brutal and low and degrading. I beg your pardon, brethren, for speaking thus, but as a brother Mason I cannot see what is going on in Europe without feeling that I at least have not done what I might have done to cement the feeling of friendship which ought to exist between every civilized nation."

The Board of Benelovence granted £108 more for relief this year than last. They voted the sum of £40 to a distressed brother from America to enable him to proceed to a Sanitarium in the Eastern States where he will receive a special treatment calculated to prolong his life. The Board considers every case on its merits irrespective of the Constitution to which the brother belongs.

During the thirteen years which the Grand Lodge of Western Australia has been in existence it has distributed in benevolence the sum of £5,666 of which £1,848 has been given to cases from other constitutions.

The following extract shows the finances of this Grand Lodge to be in excellent condition:—

"The balance standing to the credit of the General Fund is £5,214; to the credit of the Fund of Benevolence, £4,663; to the credit of the Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund, £6,433, while the balance of the Freemasons' Hall Account is £13,107, making a total of £29,418 being an increase of £1,908 on the figures of last year. In connection with the finances there is again cause for congratulation in the fact that for the eleventh year in succession there is not a single Lodge in arrear."

This Grand Lodge was formed in 1900 with a membership of 2,000 in 33 Lodges. Now, there are 94 Lodges on the roll with a membership of 3,949 being an increase of 188 for the year.

The following question is put to every candidate in this Grand Jurisdiction before he is initiated:—"Freemasonry not being a Benefit Society, have you seriously considered whether your circumstances will enable you to support the Institution?"

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by a Committee of eight members. We desire to thank Bro. A. C. McCallum for his brief but interesting report on Alberta 1912.

M.W. Bro. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth--Grand Master
V.W. Bro. J. D. Stevenson ----------Grand Secretary

WISCONSIN.

69th Annual. Milwaukee, June 10, 1913.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin, was opened in ample form in the Masonic Building, in the City of Milwaukee, at the hour of 2 p.m., on Tuesday, June 10, 1913, by M.W. Bro. David B. Greene, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his annual address says:—

"The bulk of the correspondence between this and other Grand Jurisdictions has been largely a matter of detail, and has consisted mainly in getting permission from Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions to permit their Lodges to enter into correspondence with our own, in matters touching the conferring of degrees out of courtesy or by request, a thing it would seem that all Lodges ought to have the right to do, without permission from any one. Of such correspondence mention here would be superfluous, as would also that relating to disputes between Lodges of this and sister Jurisdictions, which have been satisfactorily adjusted."

Other Grand Masters might profit from the judicious action of Grand Master Greene.

The following decisions on matters of interest were given by the Grand Master, and submitted to Grand Lodge for approval:—

"1. Is it permissible to build a Lodge room on the ground floor of our new temple or must we put it on a second floor?

Answer.—There is no objection to building a Lodge room on the ground floor provided it is made "secure" against eavesdroppers and outside interference.

"5. After the business of the regular meeting was finished and the Lodge was declared 'duly closed' by the W.M., it was found that a petition had been forgotten. The W.M. called the Brethren back and received and referred the petition.

"Question.—Was this right?

"Answer.—No. When the Lodge is declared duly closed, the meeting is ended. If the Lodge was opened again it would be a special meeting at which it would not be proper to receive and refer a petition.

"7. The Junior Warden-elect would not serve, refused to be installed, the Past Junior Warden is sick and does not care to serve.

"Question.—Can a special election be held to elect one?

"Answer.—No.

"10. Have the wife and child of a suspended Mason a Masonic claim as such?

"Answer.—No.

"13. Question.—Is a social given in the Lodge room by the O. E. S. in which prizes are put up to be played for permissible under our rules?

"Answer.—Any game or play in which something of value, be it money or merchandise, is put up to be played for is a gambling device, a Masonic offence, and should not be permitted in a Masonic Lodge room.

"15. Question.—Can we get a dispensation to rent the I. O.O.F. and confer two degrees at the same time, one in our regular lodge room and the other in the rented hall?

"Answer—No. A lodge can not be in two places at the same time. One of these meetings would be no Lodge, simply a gathering of Masons without warrant or authority and work or business done by them would not be legal."

A Committee was appointed to prepare a suitable burial service to be used when brethren desire that their bodies be cremated.

The response by the brethren of Wisconsin to the appeal for those who had suffered by the disastrous flood and fire in Ohio, Indiana, etc., was prompt and generous. They received $4,202.60 for that most worthy object.

The Grand Secretary reported the total number of chartered lodges to be 267 with two others U.D. The total membership is 28,082, a net gain of 849 during the year.

Twelve Past Grand Masters and 49 representatives of Sister Grand Lodges were present at the sessions of Grand Lodge.

The statement of the Charity Fund shows a creditable balance on hand amounting to $5,468.76.

The following are some of the salaries paid by this Grand Lodge: Grand Secretary, $1,500; Grand Lecturer, $2,085; Foreign Correspondent, $600, and Grand Treasurer, $100.

Fraternal recognition and an exchange of representatives was granted to the Grand Lodge for the Philippine Islands.

Charters were granted to two Lodges working under dispensation.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to procure each year at the expense of Grand Lodge, a suitable Past Grand Master's Jewel, to be presented to the retiring Grand Master after his successor had been installed.

Bro. Aldro Jenks, P.G.M. prepared the Correspondence report for the sixteenth time. In his introductory remarks he becomes somewhat reminiscent as he recalls to mind the many Reviewers with whom he had communed in former days, who have crossed the Great Divide. We sympathise with our brother in the loss of so many confreres, but the world must go on, die who will. We wonder whether the work, although pleasant, grows monotonous to one who for sixteen years has been a faithful member of the Round Table. His reviews are complete and his criticisms kindly. We agree with Bro. Jenks that the Grand Lodge of Alberta should have only received the report on Foreign Correspondence, and ordered it to be printed with the Proceedings.

M.W. Bro. George B. Wheeler ----------Grand Master
R.W. Bro. William W. Perry ----------Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

39th Annual. Evanston, Sept. 3rd. 1913.

Four corner-stones of public buildings were laid by the Grand Master or his Deputy, during the Masonic year.

M.W. Bro. William Pugh opens his annual address with these words:—

> "Our friend, and brother, the illustrious Robert Burns, said: 'Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.' When we stop to meditate upon life's problems and consider the things that make it worth the living, the thought

naturally comes to us, how much more delightful a place this world would be to live in if a realization of brotherhood and our obligations one to another were more deeply impressed upon the minds of all mankind and if all man's efforts could be exerted for the mutual benefit of each other instead of exhausting their energies in protecting themselves from encroachments upon their rights, liberties, and happiness. Masonry has for its purpose the encouragement of this mutual helpfulness, nevertheless being compelled to recognize the necessity of uniting to resist injustice, opression and wrong, until that glorious time shall come when man will no longer war, one with another."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the total expenditure for the year to be $4,122.11, with a balance on hand in the General Fund of $8,437.42 and in the Masonic Home Fund of $9,390.50.

A Committee of three was appointed by the Grand Master to investigate the methods of caring for destitute brothers in other jurisdictions and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that nothing was submitted to them for consideration.

There are 34 lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, having a total membership of 3,036, which is a net gain of 191 during the year.

The following By-laws govern Balloting in this Grand Lodge:

"BALLOTING.

"Sec. 81. No ballot shall be spread except at a regular communication, unless by special dispensation.

"Sec. 82. In balloting for candidates, all members of the Lodge present shall vote.

"Sec. 83. The ballot shall be spread for each degree, and shall be unanimous. In cases where the report of the Committee to whom the petition is referred is unfavorable, the report shall not be considered a rejection and the ballot shall be spread. But the rejection of any application for advancement in the degree shall not be construed as depriving the candidate of the right to renew his application at any future stated communication.

"Sec. 84. After the ballot has been taken and duly examined, first by the Wardens, and finally by the Master, the result shall be declared by the Master, unless only one negative vote appear, in which case the Master may order the second trial of the ballot, which shall in all cases be final, nor can it be set aside by the Lodge, Master, Grand Master, or even by the Grand Lodge."

If a non-affiliated Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction fails to apply for membership within one year from the date of his dimit, he is not permitted to visit any lodge, appear in any Masonic procession; nor receive Masonic Charity and is not entitled to Masonic burial.

Bro. W. L. Kuykendall presents the annual Foreign Correspondence Report. His long experience as a Mason admirably fits him for this important work, and his comments are pointed and interesting.

M.W. Bro. Fred C. Barnett ----------Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall ----------Grand Secretary

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